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Federal Bureau of Investigation
Washington, D.C. 20535

February 26, 2025

NOAH SCHEER

FOIPA Request No.: 1508260-000
Subject: THRONEBERRY, RANDEL ODELL

Dear Noah Scheer:

The FBI has completed its review of records subject to the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) that are responsive to your request. The enclosed documents were reviewed under the FOIPA, Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Below you will find check boxes under the appropriate statute headings which indicate the types of exemptions asserted to protect information which is exempt from disclosure. The appropriate exemptions are noted on the enclosed pages next to redacted information. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted to indicate where pages were withheld entirely and identify which exemptions were applied. The checked exemption boxes used to withhold information are further explained in the enclosed Explanation of Exemptions.

Section 552

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100 pages were reviewed and 100 pages are being released.

Please see the paragraphs below for relevant information specific to your request as well as the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for standard responses applicable to all requests.

Based on the information you provided, we conducted a main and reference entity record search of the Central Records System (CRS) per our standard search policy. For more information about records searches and the standard search policy, see the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum General Information Section.

In response to your narrowed Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, enclosed are the processed documents.

This is the **final release** of information responsive to your FOIPA request. This material is being provided to you at no charge.

Duplicate copies of the same document were not processed.

The enclosed documents are from a multiple subject investigation that listed the subject of your request as one of the subjects. The only portions processed were those documents that contained information concerning your subject. Documents were not considered for processing if no information about your subject was in the body of the document.

Due to the age and condition of the original documents, some of the reproduced copies are extremely difficult to read. Every effort has been made to obtain the best copies possible.

A record that may be responsive to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request has been transferred to the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). If you wish to review these records, submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to NARA, Special Access and FOIA, 8601 Adelphi Road, Room 5500, College Park, MD 20740-6001. Please reference the file number 91-HQ-4126.

Records that may have been responsive to your request were destroyed. Since this material could not be reviewed, it is not known if it was responsive to your request. Record retention and disposal is carried out under supervision of the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), Title 44, United States Code, Section 3301 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1228; Title 44, United States Code, Section 3310 as implemented by Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 1229.10.

Please refer to the enclosed FBI FOIPA Addendum for additional standard responses applicable to your request. "**Part 1**" of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. "**Part 2**" includes additional standard responses that apply to all requests for records about yourself or any third party individuals. "**Part 3**" includes general information about FBI records that you may find useful. Also enclosed is our Explanation of Exemptions.

Additional information about the FOIPA can be found at www.fbi.gov/foia. Should you have questions regarding your request, please feel free to contact foipaquestions@fbi.gov. Please reference the FOIPA Request number listed above in all correspondence concerning your request.

If you are not satisfied with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, 441 G Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20530, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIA STAR portal by creating an account following the instructions on OIP's website: <https://www.justice.gov/oip/submit-and-track-request-or-appeal>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within ninety (90) days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal." If possible, please provide a copy of your original request and this response letter with your appeal.

You may seek dispute resolution services by emailing the FBI's FOIA Public Liaison at foipaquestions@fbi.gov. The subject heading should clearly state "Dispute Resolution Services." Please also cite the FOIPA Request Number assigned to your request so it may be easily identified. You may also contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS). The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

Sincerely,



Michael G. Seidel
Section Chief
Record/Information Dissemination Section
Information Management Division

Enclosures

FBI FOIPA Addendum

As referenced in our letter responding to your Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA) request, the FBI FOIPA Addendum provides information applicable to your request. Part 1 of the Addendum includes standard responses that apply to all requests. Part 2 includes standard responses that apply to requests for records about individuals to the extent your request seeks the listed information. Part 3 includes general information about FBI records, searches, and programs.

Part 1: The standard responses below apply to all requests:

- (i) **5 U.S.C. § 552(c).** Congress excluded three categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIPA [5 U.S.C. § 552(c)]. FBI responses are limited to those records subject to the requirements of the FOIPA. Additional information about the FBI and the FOIPA can be found on the www.fbi.gov/foia website.
- (ii) **Intelligence Records.** To the extent your request seeks records of intelligence sources, methods, or activities, the FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(1), (b)(3), and as applicable to requests for records about individuals, PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(1), (b)(3), and (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records is itself a classified fact protected by FOIA exemption (b)(1) and/or would reveal intelligence sources, methods, or activities protected by exemption (b)(3) [50 USC § 3024(i)(1)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that any such records do or do not exist.

Part 2: The standard responses below apply to all requests for records on individuals:

- (i) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Watch Lists.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of any individual's name on a watch list pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(7)(E) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(7)(E), (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that watch list records do or do not exist.
- (ii) **Requests for Records about any Individual—Witness Security Program Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of records which could identify any participant in the Witness Security Program pursuant to FOIA exemption (b)(3) and PA exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552/552a (b)(3), 18 U.S.C. 3521, and (j)(2)]. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.
- (iii) **Requests for Confidential Informant Records.** The FBI can neither confirm nor deny the existence of confidential informant records pursuant to FOIA exemptions (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F) [5 U.S.C. §§ 552 (b)(7)(D), (b)(7)(E), and (b)(7)(F)] and Privacy Act exemption (j)(2) [5 U.S.C. § 552a (j)(2)]. The mere acknowledgment of the existence or nonexistence of such records would reveal confidential informant identities and information, expose law enforcement techniques, and endanger the life or physical safety of individuals. This is a standard response and should not be read to indicate that such records do or do not exist.

Part 3: General Information:

- (i) **Record Searches and Standard Search Policy.** The Record/Information Dissemination Section (RIDS) searches for reasonably described records by searching systems, such as the Central Records System (CRS), or locations where responsive records would reasonably be found. The CRS is an extensive system of records consisting of applicant, investigative, intelligence, personnel, administrative, and general files compiled by the FBI per its law enforcement, intelligence, and administrative functions. The CRS spans the entire FBI organization, comprising records of FBI Headquarters, FBI Field Offices, and FBI Legal Attaché Offices (Legats) worldwide; Electronic Surveillance (ELSUR) records are included in the CRS. The standard search policy is a search for main entity records in the CRS. Unless specifically requested, a standard search does not include a search for reference entity records or administrative records of previous FOIPA requests.
 - a. *Main Entity Records* – created for individuals or non-individuals who are the subjects or the focus of an investigation
 - b. *Reference Entity Records*- created for individuals or non-individuals who are associated with a case but are not known subjects or the focus of an investigation
- (ii) **FBI Records.** Founded in 1908, the FBI carries out a dual law enforcement and national security mission. As part of this dual mission, the FBI creates and maintains records on various subjects; however, the FBI does not maintain records on every person, subject, or entity.
- (iii) **Foreseeable Harm Standard.** As amended in 2016, the Freedom of Information Act provides that a federal agency may withhold responsive records only if: (1) the agency reasonably foresees that disclosure would harm an interest protected by one of the nine exemptions that FOIA enumerates, or (2) disclosure is prohibited by law (5 United States Code, Section 552(a)(8)(A)(i)). The FBI considers this foreseeable harm standard in the processing of its requests.
- (iv) **Requests for Criminal History Records or Rap Sheets.** The Criminal Justice Information Services (CJIS) Division provides Identity History Summary Checks – often referred to as a criminal history record or rap sheet. These criminal history records are not the same as material in an investigative “FBI file.” An Identity History Summary Check is a listing of information taken from fingerprint cards and documents submitted to the FBI in connection with arrests, federal employment, naturalization, or military service. For a fee, individuals can request a copy of their Identity History Summary Check. Forms and directions can be accessed at www.fbi.gov/about-us/cjis/identity-history-summary-checks. Additionally, requests can be submitted electronically at www.edo.cjis.gov. For additional information, please contact CJIS directly at (304) 625-5590.

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

SUBSECTIONS OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 552

- (b)(1) (A) specifically authorized under criteria established by an Executive order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and (B) are in fact properly classified to such Executive order;
- (b)(2) related solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency;
- (b)(3) specifically exempted from disclosure by statute (other than section 552b of this title), provided that such statute (A) requires that the matters be withheld from the public in such a manner as to leave no discretion on issue, or (B) establishes particular criteria for withholding or refers to particular types of matters to be withheld;
- (b)(4) trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential;
- (b)(5) inter-agency or intra-agency memorandums or letters which would not be available by law to a party other than an agency in litigation with the agency;
- (b)(6) personnel and medical files and similar files the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy;
- (b)(7) records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes, but only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information (A) could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings, (B) would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication, (C) could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy, (D) could reasonably be expected to disclose the identity of confidential source, including a State, local, or foreign agency or authority or any private institution which furnished information on a confidential basis, and, in the case of record or information compiled by a criminal law enforcement authority in the course of a criminal investigation, or by an agency conducting a lawful national security intelligence investigation, information furnished by a confidential source, (E) would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions, or would disclose guidelines for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions if such disclosure could reasonably be expected to risk circumvention of the law, or (F) could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or physical safety of any individual;
- (b)(8) contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions; or
- (b)(9) geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

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- (d)(5) information compiled in reasonable anticipation of a civil action proceeding;
- (j)(2) material reporting investigative efforts pertaining to the enforcement of criminal law including efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or apprehend criminals;
- (k)(1) information which is currently and properly classified pursuant to an Executive order in the interest of the national defense or foreign policy, for example, information involving intelligence sources or methods;
- (k)(2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(3) material maintained in connection with providing protective services to the President of the United States or any other individual pursuant to the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Section 3056;
- (k)(4) required by statute to be maintained and used solely as statistical records;
- (k)(5) investigatory material compiled solely for the purpose of determining suitability, eligibility, or qualifications for Federal civilian employment or for access to classified information, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
- (k)(6) testing or examination material used to determine individual qualifications for appointment or promotion in Federal Government service the release of which would compromise the testing or examination process;
- (k)(7) material used to determine potential for promotion in the armed services, the disclosure of which would reveal the identity of the person who furnished the material pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence.

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HILL was vigorously interrogated concerning this and denied absolutely that he had been visited by the THRONEBERRYIS or by anyone driving a car similar to the maroon Pontiac but did state that during the entire morning of November 10 he had been working at the farm of RED TAYLOR, cutting fence posts. An attempt was made to contact HILL'S wife or other members of his family, but they had left for Fort Worth that day and were not available.

The possibility exists that possibly one of the THRONEBERRYIS did visit at the HILL residence; that during the absence of VERNON EDWARD HILL that Mrs. HILL had refused to furnish her husband's whereabouts since HILL admitted that his wife had no use for the THRONEBERRY boys. If this possibility is correct, it is quite obvious that HILL will not admit it since he could truthfully state that he had not seen these boys or the car since October 24, 1943.

A physical description of HILL obtained by observation and interrogation is as follows:

Age	29
Height	5' 10"
Weight	150 lbs
Eyes	Green
Complexion	Dark
Hair	Dark brown

Following the interview with HILL, he was taken by Special Agents HAY and FORT to Hillsboro, Texas, where he was delivered to the Sheriff, Hill County, for safekeeping until such time as a complaint could be filed.

The substance of the above was furnished telephonically by Special Agent HAY to Assistant Special Agent in Charge RALPH WINTON of the San Antonio Office, which office subsequently advised by teletype dated November 11, 1943, that an authorized complaint had been filed at Waco, Texas, charging HILL with a violation of the Selective Service Act.

P E N D I N G

November 24, 1943

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The Department of Justice announces the intensification of a search for two brothers, O. B. Throneberry, 28, and Mandel Throneberry, 26, who are wanted on numerous charges, including murder.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said the two men, who operate in typical wild-west, bad-man fashion, are known to be heavily armed and are believed to be extremely dangerous.

The brothers are charged with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution and with violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. O. B. Throneberry is also wanted for violating the Impersonation Statute.

Wanted Notices looking toward apprehension of the Throneberry brothers have been distributed by the FBI throughout the nation. These Wanted Notices warn officers that the men are heavily armed and are extremely dangerous.

In addition to the Federal charges, O. B. Throneberry is wanted in Abilene, Texas, for a felony theft and for being an habitual criminal; at Fort Worth, Texas, for robbery; at Houston, Texas, on three charges of robbery; and at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, for murder.

Mandel Throneberry also is wanted for murder at Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

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E. A. Tamm _____
Clegg _____
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Both men have criminal records dating back to 1934 and each has been arrested a number of times in Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, and states west of the Mississippi.

The impersonation charge is the result of a robbery in which others participated and in which O. B. Throneberry represented himself as an O.P.A. Inspector. The unlawful flight to avoid prosecution charge is based on the slaying of a sheepherder at Hayden, Colorado, on August 8, 1943. The victim first was robbed and then was tied to a sheep wagon in such a manner that the ropes binding him gradually tightened and caused his death.

The two were apprehended on August 10, 1943, by local officers at Saratoga, Wyoming, and when arrested had in their possession two high-powered rifles, two small-caliber rifles, and three shotguns. They were lodged in jail at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and, on October 8, 1943, they overpowered the Sheriff, robbed him of his billfold, credentials, and gasoline ration book, stole his automobile, and escaped. The National Motor Vehicle Theft Act charge is based on the transportation of this stolen automobile interstate.

O. B. Throneberry is described as follows: Born April 4, 1915, Guthrie, Oklahoma; height, 5 feet, 8 to 9 inches; weight, 135 to 150 pounds; eyes, brown; hair, chestnut, wavy; complexion, medium dark; build, medium; race, white; nationality, American; occupations, laborer, stationer, fireman, habitual criminal; scars and marks, tattoos on arms, back, and legs.

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Randal Thronberry is described as follows: Born August 2, 1917, Johnson County, Texas; height, 5 feet, 10 inches; weight, 140 pounds; eyes, brown; hair, dark brown; complexion, medium; build, slender; race, white; nationality, American; occupations, tailor, waiter; scars and marks, tattoos on left forearm.

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U. S. Department of Justice

1318 Mercantile Bank Building

Dallas 1, Texas

November 12, 1943

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Director, FBI

RE: O. B. THRONEBERRY, with aliases -
FUGITIVE; et al
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
PROSECUTION (MURDER);
IMPERSONATION;
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;
SELECTIVE SERVICE

Dear Sir:

There is forwarded herewith report submitted by the writer under date of November 12, 1943, in connection with the above captioned case. The main report in the THRONEBERRY case is being prepared at the present time setting out all investigative steps taken to date in connection with this case.

This instant report is being prepared for the benefit of the San Antonio Office in the event prosecution is carried out with regard to subject HILL.

Very truly yours,

R. G. Danner

R. G. DANNER, SAC

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CC - San Antonio

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

This Case Originated At HOUSTON, TEXAS		File No. 47-1611	
Report Made At DALLAS, TEXAS	Date Made 11-12-43	Period Made 11-10, 11-43	Report Made By R. G. DANNER, SAC
Title <u>CHANGED:</u> O. B. THRONEBERRY, with aliases: Olin Bond, Otis Ball - FUGITIVE; RANDALL THRONEBERRY, with alias <u>Randel Throneberry - FUGITIVE;</u> VERNON EDWARD HILL		Character of Case UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (MURDER); IMPERSONATION; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT; SELECTIVE SERVICE	

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: On November 11, 1943, VERNON EDWARD HILL taken into custody upon failure to produce registration card and advice that he had failed to register under the Selective Service and Training Act. HILL admits having associated with THRONEBERRY brothers on October 22, 23, 24, 1943, in Hill County, where he hid them and stolen automobile in their possession, furnishing them with food and information. HILL is ex-convict and bears a very poor reputation; presently incarcerated Hill County Jail, Hillsboro, Texas. No hearing as yet.

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REFERENCE: Dallas teletype to Bureau dated November 10, 1943.
San Antonio teletype to Dallas dated November 11, 1943.

DETAILS:

The title of this report has been marked changed in order to reflect the addition of the subject VERNON EDWARD HILL to this case in view of his violation of the Selective Service Act, as well as violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act in that he received and concealed the automobile involved in this case, according to his own admissions.

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SELECTIVE SERVICE VIOLATION

Special Agents C. FRANKLIN FORT
and C. REX MYERS
c/o Federal Bureau of Investigation
U. S. Department of Justice
1318 Mercantile Bank Building
Dallas, Texas

Special Agents FORT and MYERS, accompanied by the writer and Special Agent JOHN F. HAY, can testify that on November 11, 1943, after having received advice that HILL had harbored fugitives O. B. and RANDALL THRONBERRY, they contacted him at his home on a farm located approximately nine miles north of Blum, Texas, which farm is owned by GEORGE BRAZZELLE, Cleburne, Texas; that upon contact with HILL, he was unable to produce a registration card and frankly admitted that he had not registered for the draft, although he was well aware of the provisions of the Selective Service and Training Act requiring him to register. He admitted that he was presently twenty-nine years of age; that on October 16, 1940, he was located in Hillsboro, Texas; that he had contacted his Parole Officer to whom he had been paroled from a state sentence, who advised him that it was not necessary for him (HILL) to register. These Agents can also testify that HILL told this story after several rather lame attempts to justify his failure to register for the draft.

I A

NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT VIOLATION

EARNEST TODD
Sheriff
Steamboat Springs, Colorado

Sheriff TODD can testify that he is the owner of a 1942 Pontiac tudor sedan, maroon in color, six cylinders, Motor #P6KA21055; that on October 8, 1943, at 3:15 PM, he entered the cell occupied by O. B. THRONBERRY and RANDALL THRONBERRY, who were incarcerated in the county jail awaiting prosecution on a charge of murder; that the THRONBERRY brothers overpowered him, took from him by force his billfold, credentials, gas ration books, and keys to the above described automobile, thereafter fleeing from this point. It is expected that Sheriff TODD can identify this automobile as well as produce title papers showing that instant automobile is his property.

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HERSHEL VEDDER
Route 2
Blum, Texas

Mr. VEDDER, who is a prominent citizen of the Blum community located in the northern portion of Hill County, who operates a farm on Rural Route 2, can testify that VERNON EDWARD HILL is residing on a farm located adjacent to his, VEDDER'S, property, this farm on which HILL was residing being the property of GEORGE BRAZEALIE; that it is necessary to reach the Hill house to pass through VEDDER'S gate and barnyard in close proximity to his, VEDDER'S, house; that the HILL residence is so located that it is readily discernible from the VEDDER residence, and as a matter of fact the entire BRAZEALIE farm where HILL resides can be viewed easily from the VEDDER residence. Mr. VEDDER will further testify that during the latter part of October, 1943, he observed on several occasions a maroon Pontiac tudor sedan described as having a "torpedo body" in the vicinity of the house occupied by VERNON EDWARD HILL; that this automobile was being driven by two men; that it passed through his yard on several occasions; that he observed it parked at the HILL house; and that he on one occasion observed it crossing the HILL pasture. It is noted in this respect that an alternate approach to the house occupied by VERNON EDWARD HILL is gained by entering a gate located on the east end of the pasture and driving across the pasture up the hill to the house occupied by subject HILL.

Mrs. HERSHEL VEDDER
Same address as above

Can testify to substantially the same facts as her husband relative to observing this automobile frequenting the HILL house.

Special Agents C. REX MYERS
and C. FRANKLIN FORT
Same address

Will testify that they, together with the writer and Special Agent JOHN F. HAY, interviewed VERNON EDWARD HILL; that at the time of this interview HILL was not under arrest; that he freely and rather boastfully admitted having been visited on October 22, 1943, by subjects O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY; that they admitted to him that they had slugged the Sheriff at Steamboat Springs, thereafter escaping from jail, taking with them the Sheriff's personal effects as well as his automobile;

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that following their escape they had driven this automobile by back roads and circuitous routes from Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to various points in Texas; that this automobile had remained continuously in their possession following the theft of same from the Sheriff in Colorado. These Agents can further testify that subject HILL admitted that subjects RANDALL and O. B. THRONEBERRY contacted him at the Kirkwood farm which is located adjacent to the farm being operated by HILL on October 22, 1943 (approximately); that after conversing with them on the road for several minutes they asked him, HILL, where they could hide out for a few days; that HILL then led them through the KIRKWOOD farm back to a spot located in what he terms the "cedar breaks" which is a rather desolate and isolated spot where the concealing of an automobile is a very simple matter. These Special Agents can further testify that following this interview subject HILL led the Agents to the spot where an examination of the terrain reflected that an automobile had in fact been backed into a particularly thick clump of cedars making the spot an ideal hideout; that from the numerous cigarette butts, matches, wastepaper, etc. surrounding this spot, it was quite evident that an individual or individuals had been there for some time, this being further borne out by the presence of a camp fire.

These Agents will further testify that HILL freely admitted that he was well aware of the fact that this automobile was stolen; that he fraternized with the THRONEBERRYS for a three-day period; that he listened with them to police broadcasts coming over the short wave radio installed in this automobile. These Agents will further testify that from HILL'S statements there is no question but what he had deliberately assisted in the concealing of instant automobile following its transportation in interstate commerce.

Mrs. LIZZIE THRONEBERRY

General Delivery

(More exact address known to

FBI, Dallas)

Fort Worth, Texas

Mrs. THRONEBERRY can testify that she is the mother of the fugitives; O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY; that she met them with her husband during the evening of October 28, 1943, on the highway between Alvarado and Burleson, Texas; that at the time of this meeting they had in their possession a new-appearing maroon Pontiac sedan, which they informed her was stolen from the Sheriff at Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Mrs. THRONEBERRY can further testify that O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY informed her of the fact that VERNON EDWARD HILL had hid them out on his farm for several days; that during their stay there HILL had volunteered

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to take the instant automobile to Fort Worth for the purpose of having it re-painted a different color to avoid detection; that O. B. and RANDALL feared that HILL would take the automobile and not return and for this reason had refused to let him have it.

It is expected that O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY will substantiate the above information if called upon in the prosecution of this case.

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On November 10, 1943, information was received which will be reported in subsequent reports that VERNON EDWARD HILL, whose whereabouts was being sought in connection with this investigation, was located on a farm north of Blum, Texas, which farm was the property of one GEORGE BRAZEALIE of Cleburne, Texas. Inasmuch as reliable information has been received that the THRONEBERRY boys had been hiding out on this farm, the writer, together with Special Agents JOHN F. HAY, C. FRANKLIN FORT, C. REX-MYERS, and KENNERLY R. CORBETT, proceeded to Blum, Texas, where SAM McCLOSKEY, carrier, U. S. Post Office, was contacted. McCLOSKEY furnished general information concerning the location of Route 2 on which the BRAZEALIE farm was located, further advising that HERSHALL VEDDER was a very reliable and substantial farmer located on a farm adjacent to the BRAZEALIE farm and stated that he would furnish reliable information if contacted.

Teletype was dispatched to the Bureau advising of above information and the fact that this investigation, since it was so closely connected with the investigation going on at Cleburne, Texas, and since it was to take place only a few miles over the line separating the San Antonio and Dallas Field Division districts, would be handled by the Dallas Office. The San Antonio Office was likewise advised.

During the early morning of November 11, 1943, HERSHALL VEDDER was contacted at his farm, and he advised that VERNON EDWARD HILL was well known to him, having worked on his farm prior to the time he took over the operation of the BRAZEALIE farm. He stated that at one time HILL had been a rather good hand but that more recently he had become worthless; that in his private opinion HILL was a draft dodger and was farming only to attempt to secure a deferment from the draft. He stated that he had made every effort to observe HILL'S registration card; that HILL was very evasive concerning this; and that he had never been successful in seeing such a card.

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Mr. VEDDER further stated that the HILLS had few visitors but that during the latter part of October on several occasions he had observed a rather new-appearing maroon Pontiac sedan driven by two young men going to the HILL house. He explained, and the Agents observed, that the more advantageous route back to the HILL house is had by passing through the VEDDER gate, crossing his barnyard, and another gate on the back fence, thereafter proceeding to the HILL house, a distance of approximately one-quarter of a mile. The HILL house, as a matter of fact, the entire farm is so located that all points on the farm are easily viewed from the VEDDER house so that anyone standing in the yard of VEDDER'S home could observe readily all activities occurring on the farm. Mr. VEDDER further stated that he had seen this car parked beside the house at the HILL residence as well as having seen it crossing the pasture, which, incidentally, is another and more difficult route to the HILL house. He stated that he had not observed this car in the past week or ten days and was of the opinion that it had left the community.

Thereafter the Agents proceeded to the house occupied by the HILL family where VERNON EDWARD HILL was contacted. After it was ascertained that the THRONEBERRYS were not then present at the farm, HILL was interviewed, he not being specifically advised as to the purpose of the interview. He readily admitted that the THRONEBERRYS had visited him on several occasions during the latter part of October in a maroon Pontiac sedan which at the time was bearing a Texas license, number unrecalled, stolen in Wichita County.

When questioned concerning his registration card, HILL at first professed complete ignorance as to the nature or purpose of a registration card. When pressed further for such information, he stated that he was a very patriotic individual ready to serve his country at any time but that on October 16, 1940, while living in Hillsboro, Texas, and while still under parole from a state sentence for car theft, he had contacted his parole officer, a Mr. S. L. ROBINSON, allegedly Mayor of Hillsboro, who had allegedly informed him that it was not necessary for him to register since, "If the government wants you they know where you are located, and they will come and get you." HILL later changed this story to state that he had been with his brother at the time his brother had registered; that he had asked the clerk whether or not he could register, and the clerk had informed him that it was not necessary for him to register. There is little doubt but what HILL is lying about the whole thing and that he has deliberately and knowingly evaded the provisions of the Selective Service Act.

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Thereafter HILL was interviewed in detail concerning the THRONEBERRY boys, and in a rather boastful manner, he told of how he had been at the KIRKWOOD farm, which is located adjacent to his farm, working with Mr. KIRKWOOD when O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY had driven up in the instant Pontiac and hailed him. He had talked to them for several minutes, knowing from reading the Fort Worth newspapers that they were escapees from the Colorado Jail and wanted for murder; that they had asked him to hide them out; that he had immediately taken them through the KIRKWOOD yard through a gate back into a pasture and showed them a spot in the cedar breaks where the car could be well hidden. HILL voluntarily took Agents to this spot, it being noted that it would be an impossibility to observe this car from any point other than a few feet from its location. As a matter of fact, the automobile would not be readily visible from the air. Car tracks were observed, it being apparent that the automobile had been backed into a clump of cedars of sufficient height to meet over the top of the automobile. There was a rather large camp fire with ashes strewn about, cigarette butts, matches, and miscellaneous papers, indicating that food had been brought to them. All indication pointed to the fact that an automobile and several individuals had been in this spot for some time.

In addition HILL stated that the subjects had remained in this spot without moving the car on October 22, 23, 24, during which time he provided them with all the food they had. He later changed the story to admit that the automobile had been to his house on several occasions, approaching it by either crossing the pasture or coming through the VEDDER farm. It is noted in this connection that HILL'S mother, who was interviewed at Fort Worth, admitted that the THRONEBERRY boys had been to their house for meals on at least two occasions. A report on this interview will be submitted at a subsequent date.

HILL further advised that while in the penitentiary at Huntsville, he had served with O. B. THRONEBERRY; that they were "buddies" in the penitentiary, they having been previously acquainted; that he was well acquainted with RANDALL THRONEBERRY; that he knew from newspaper reports as well as radio broadcasts heard over the short wave radio in this automobile that the THRONLBERRYYS were badly wanted but that he had nevertheless assisted them in every manner possible.

Apparently realizing that he might get into trouble, HILL stated then that he had hidden these boys and the car out purposely to "put them on the spot"; that with this thought in mind he had hidden them near his farm, thereafter calling on October 23, 1943, the "law" in Fort Worth, Texas, telling them to come and get the boys. He stated that a State

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Highway Patrolman named TAYLOR had contacted him on Sunday, October 24, 1943, pursuant to taking the subjects into custody, but that when they went to the hiding spot, the THRONEBERRYYS had departed. HILL stated that he was quite dejected over this since he had felt that possibly he might collect some reward for assisting law enforcement officers. When questioned concerning the manner in which he had called the officers in Fort Worth, he changed the story and stated that he had called his brother at Fort Worth who had taken the report from him and notified the officers, and when it was pointed out to him that he did not have at the farm a telephone nor was any telephone available to him other than the telephone at the VEDDER'S residence, which he had not used, he changed the story again to state that his brother had visited him on October 23, 1943, at which time he had informed his brother of the location of the THRONEBERRYYS, requesting that his brother immediately return to Fort Worth and get some officers; that his brother had agreed to do so and had returned with State Highway Patrolman TAYLOR on Sunday but too late to contact the subjects. HILL was flatly accused of having manufactured this story, and it is quite apparent that if TAYLOR did, in fact, visit this farm, it was only after HILL had warned the THRONEBERRY boys and made certain that they had ample opportunity to get out of the community. TAYLOR will be contacted in an effort to secure his version of this incident.

HILL advised that in talking to the THRONEBERRY boys they had stated that they were going to cool off for a while and then go out and try to procure guns and ammunition; that they wanted these guns to fight it out with any officers who tried to arrest them, as well as to engage in a series of robberies, burglaries, and other criminal acts in order to procure sufficient money to hide out for a long time or if apprehended to fight their cases with good attorneys. HILL stated that they had in their possession at this time one .45 caliber automatic pistol, one .22 target pistol, and one 12 gauge single barrel shotgun, with ammunition for each weapon. He admitted that the proposal had been made to him by the THRONEBERRY boys that he, HILL, finger some jobs for them, including the robbery of the hardware store at Whitney, Texas, for the purpose of procuring guns. He further admitted that they had also asked him to scout around and see if he could find some farmer or citizen of that county who was in possession of some considerable amount of money or valuables whom they could burglarize or rob. He further admitted that he had, as a matter of fact, agreed with the THRONEBERRYYS that after they had procured a sufficient amount of money that he would purchase a good fast automobile legitimately with the money procured from the robberies; that he would turn this car over to the THRONEBERRYYS and they would burn this Pontiac which they had in their possession since this latter automobile was so hot;

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that this car he was to buy would be used in further criminal acts; that after a reasonable length of time he would report the car stolen; that the THRONEBERRYS would abandon this car in a convenient location so that it would be recovered and returned to HILL, this being his pay-off for assisting the THRONEBERRYS. It was quite apparent that HILL is a thief at heart, unscrupulous, not too intelligent, and the type of individual who will go to any lengths to assist criminals in their acts, apparently not having sufficient courage to engage in substantive offenses himself.

He further advised that the THRONEBERRYS stated that following their escape they had proceeded to Texas by circuitous routes, sticking to back roads entirely; that they had been in contact with their parents in Fort Worth and O. B.'s wife at Cleburne; that after visiting their people they had proceeded to Houston, Texas, where they had hidden out on a farm operated by an ex-convict named CLAUDE JOHNSON, JOHNSON being convicted in Houston for armed robbery and serving sentence in the State Penitentiary. They had remained at the JOHNSON farm until approximately October 20, 1943, when they had driven to Hill County; that for two days they had hidden out on the Brazos River at a spot known as "Eroke Rock" which is located in very rough country and accessible by only one very poor road. Apparently a lack of food had forced them out of this hiding spot and thereafter they had contacted HILL as related above.

HILL was apparently at a loss to furnish any further information as to the present whereabouts of the THRONEBERRYS other than to state that he was certain that if he was provided with an ample amount of money and an automobile that probably in a week's time he could locate these people. He seemed particularly eager to do this, although he could not furnish any information as to just how he would go about it.

While HILL was being interviewed, the Agents were contacted by HERSHELL VEDDER again, who stated that his wife, upon discussing this matter with him, had recalled that on November 10, 1943, she had heard an automobile come through their yard, had looked out the window, and had observed it to be the same maroon Pontiac sedan observed in that locality during the latter part of October. This was approximately 11:00 AM. She watched the car proceed back to the HILL residence and later observed this car leaving by the same route at approximately 11:30 AM. Mrs. VEDDER was interviewed thoroughly concerning this matter and maintained that she had observed the same automobile, was very emphatic in her statements that it was the same automobile, and seemed to be absolutely convinced that it was the same car. She stated that it was being driven by one individual and she had failed to observe the usual second occupant.

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November 24, 1943

RECOMMENDED FOR MR. CHARLES MACCORMACK
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC RELATIONS

Attached hereto are copies of a memorandum in regard to the intensification of a search for D. B. Threnesberry and Bondel Threnesberry, wanted by the FBI and local officers on numerous charges. I thought you might wish to make this available to the press.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover
Director

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **HOUSTON, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **47-782**

REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 11-19-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-11, 12; 11-5, 6-43	REPORT MADE BY JAMES L. McGOVERN
TITLE O. B. THRONBERG, was, et al, FUGITIVES			CHARACTER OF CASE IMPERSONATION NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT UNLAWFUL MIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (MURDER)
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Relatives of subject interviewed at Columbia, Tennessee, with negative results. Stop notices placed Columbia PD, Sheriff's Office, Highway Patrol. 30-day mail cover placed Columbia, Tennessee. Arrangements made for Memphis to be advised if subject contacts grandmother MARTHA LEMAY at Columbia, Tennessee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Houston Field Division teletype dated October 11, 1943, To the Memphis Field Division.</p> <p>Conference teletype from the Denver Field Division, dated November 1, 1943,</p> <p>Letter from the Dallas Field Division, dated November 1, 1943, to the Memphis Field Division.</p> <p>Conference teletype from the Houston Field Division dated November 6, 1943.</p> <p>Teletype to the Bureau from Memphis Field Division dated November 8, 1943.</p> <p>DETAILS: At COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE</p> <p>Upon receipt of the teletype from Houston Field Division, dated October 11, 1943, appropriate stop notices were placed with the Police Department, Sheriff's Office and Highway Patrol at Columbia, Tennessee. These offices were advised as to the identity, description and the fugitive status of the subjects, and the circumstances under which they had escaped from the Steamboat Springs.</p>			
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

October 29, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

RE: O. B. THRONEBERRY, with aliases - Fugitive
RANDEL THRONEBERRY - Fugitive
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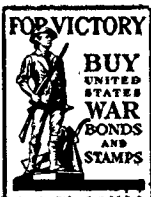
On June 9, 1943, O. B. Throneberry, accompanied by his brother James Paul Throneberry and John D. Henderson, impersonated an OPA inspector in an apparent attempt to secure additional gasoline ration books from two seventeen year old youths parked near Pasadena, Texas. The boy resisted and was brutally beaten in an ensuing fight.

James Paul Throneberry and John D. Henderson were subsequently arrested by local officers at Houston, Texas. O. B. Throneberry joined his ex-convict brother, Randel Throneberry, and on August 8, 1943, robbed Ethelbert Purdy near Hayden, Colorado, and tied him in such a manner that he died from the tightening of the ropes. They stole a .22 caliber rifle and an old style land range wolf gun from Purdy.

After this robbery - murder, they went to Saratoga, Wyoming, where they reportedly planned a robbery but were apprehended by an undersheriff and a member of the Wyoming Highway Patrol on August 10, 1943, prior to the commission of the crime. They had in their possession at the time of apprehension four rifles and three shotguns, the barrel of one of the latter having been recently sawed off.

These brothers were extradited to the County Jail at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to stand trial for the murder of Mr. Purdy. After two previously unsuccessful attempts to escape from the County Jail at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, on October 8, 1943, armed with a small caliber automatic pistol, they assaulted and overpowered Sheriff Ernest Todd, secured his credentials, billfold and gasoline ration book, stole his 1942 Pontiac sedan and escaped. The automobile contained a .22 caliber pistol, a .45 caliber revolver and at least one box of ammunition.

It has now been ascertained that on the evening of October 28, 1943, these two brothers made contact with their mother and father on a highway near Cleburne, Texas, and were provided with food and clothing. They are still driving the Pontiac sedan stolen from Sheriff Todd at Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Their mother is cooperating with Agents of the Dallas Field Division as she desires that subjects be taken into custody by the FBI fearing that they will be killed if apprehended by State officers.



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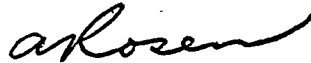
She advised that they are en route to Arkansas to pick up Randel Throneberry's baby, who is in possession of Reba Hurt Throneberry, the daughter of Ed Hurt, an Arkansas outlaw, and will return to Dallas, Texas, November 3, 1943.

These men are heavily armed and are believed to be very dangerous. They have extensive criminal records dating back to 1934.

Surveillances are being maintained over O. B. Throneberry's wife by the Dallas Field Division and constant contact is being maintained with their mother at Fort Worth, Texas.

Process is outstanding against O. B. Throneberry for violation of the Impersonation Statute and the Dallas Field Division is filing a National Motor Vehicle Theft Act complaint against both subjects today.

Respectfully,

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A. Rosen

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WOOD, O. B. ⁰THORNEBERRY, WAS, FUGITIVE, IMPERSONATION. SUBJECT AND BROTHER RANDEL, ON NIGHT OF AUGUST EIGHT LAST, NEAR HARDEN, COLORADO, ROBBED ETHELBERT ~~X~~PURDY, A SHEEPHERDER, OF THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND LEFT HIM BOUND WITH ROPES IN SUCH FASHION THAT HIS STRUGGLES TO FREE HIMSELF APPARENTLY CAUSED ROPES TO TIGHTEN ULTIMATELY CAUSING HIS DEATH, APPARENTLY ON THE FOLLOWING DAY. DETAILS OF ESCAPE ~~CONTAINED~~ CONTAINED IN MY TELETYPE NINTH INSTANT. WARRANT ISSUED STEAMBOAT SPRINGS. COLORADO. SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST BY DISTRICT COURT. ROUTT COUNTY., CHARGING SUBJECT AND RANDEL WITH MURDER. ALIAS CAPIAS ISSUED BY SAME COURT EIGHTEENTH INSTANT PRESENTLY OUTSTANDING. PHOTOGRAPH OF SUBJECT AND BROTHER RANDEL BEING FORWARDED BUREAU AMASD.

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WOOD. O. B. ⁹THRONEBERRY, WASFUG, IMPERSONATION. REURTEL TWENTY FIFTH AND TWENTY SIXTH INSTANTS. FOLLOWING ARE ALL FACTS AVAILABLE AT PRESENT ON YOUR REQUEST.

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CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS - ON OCTOBER EIGHT LAST SUBJECT AND BROTHER RANDEL ESCAPED COUNTY JAIL, STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO THREE FIFTEEN PM. PRISONERS ASSAULTED AND OVERPOWERED SHERIFF EARNEST TODD AND

REPORTEDLY WERE ARMED WITH SMALL CALIBRE AUTOMATIC PISTOL WHEN TODD ENTERED CELL. SHERIFF ROBBED OF BILLFOLD, CREDENTIALS AND GAS RATION BOOKS. PRISONERS FLED IN SHERIFFS AUTO, DESCRIBED AS NINETEEN FORTY TWO MAROON ~~X~~PONTIAC SIX CYLINDER TUDOR, COLORADO LICENCE TWO EIGHT DASH SIX, MOTOR NUMBER P SIX K A TWO ONE NAUGHT FIVE FIVE, EQUIPPED WITH TWO FOG LIGHTS AND EMERGENCY LIGHT ON FRONT BUMPER. CAR CONTAINED TWENTY TWO CALIBRE PISTOL, COLT FORTY FIVE CALIBRE REVOLVER AND AT LEAST ONE BOX AMMUNITION. SHERIFF TODD ADVISED OCTOBER TEN LAST THAT AUTOMOBILE BEARING COLORADO LICENSE TWO EIGHT DASH SIX LAST SEEN BY FARMER NEAR TRINIDAD, COLORADO. NO FURTHER INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED REGARDING SUBJECT OR BROTHER.

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RELATIVES OF SUBJECT - FATHER, FRANK M. THRONEBERRY, MOTHER, LIZZIE ~~BLANKSHIP~~ BLANKSHIP THRONEBERRY, LAST REPORTED ADDRESS ON UNNAMED, UNNUMBERED STREET IN SOUTHEAST PART FORTH WORTH. BROTHER, JAMES PAUL ~~THRONEBERRY~~, ENTERED TSP AT HUNTSVILLE AUGUST ELEVEN, FORTY THREE TO SERVE TEN YEARS ON THREE CONVICTIONS OF ROBERY BY ASSAULT. BROTHER, RANDEL ~~THRONEBERRY~~, -SAME AS TSP NUMBER EIGHT FOUR FIVE FOUR ONE, THOUGHT TO BE WITH SUBJECT AS THEY ESCAPED TOGETHER FROM ROUTT COUNTY JAIL AT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO OCTOBER EIGHT LAST, WHERE BOTH WERE BEING HELD ON CHARGE OF MURDER. RANDEL'S WIFE, REBA HURT THRONEBERRY, LAST KNOWN ADDRESS COAL HILL, ARKANSAS, CARE OF C. H. DAVENPORT. UNCLES, ED, ROY AND ELMER THRONEBERRY, ADDRESS ~~UNKNOWN~~ COLUMBIA, MAURY COUNTY, TENNESSEE. WIFE, ANNIE LOU SCOTT THRONEBERRY, ADDRESS UNKNOWN, MAY BE WITH SUBJECT. HER PARENTS ARE WILLIE LACEY SCOTT AND JANIE ~~YARBROUGH~~ YARBROUGH SCOTT, ADDRESS ONE ONE SE VEN SOUTH FRONT STREET, CLEBURNE, TEXAS. NAME UNKNOWN, THOUGHT TO BE WITH MOTHER.

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STATE PROCESS OUTSTANDING - AT TAYLOR COUNTY, ABILENE, TEXAS, SUBJECT

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INDICTED DECEMBER FOUR, FORTY TWO FOR FELONY THEFT AND BEING AN HABITUAL CRIMINAL. SUBJECT RELEASED ON BOND SAME DATE AND FAILED TO APPEAR FOR TRIAL. CAPIAS NUMBER ONE FOUR FIVE FOUR B ISSUEE ISSUED FEBRUARY THIRTEEN LAST. AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS A COMPLAINT WAS FILED JUNE SEVENTEEN LAST IN JUSTICE OF PEACE GUS BROWNS COURT, CHARGING SUBJECT WITH ROBBERY. [REDACTED]

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INDICTMENTS ISSUED BY GRAND JURY, [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT AND BROTHER RANDEL ON NIGHT OF AUGUST EIGHT LAST NEAR HARDEN, COLORADO, ROBBED ETHELBERT PURDY, A SHEEP HERDER, OF THIRTY EIGHT DOLLARS AND LEFT HIM BOUND WITH ROPES IN SUCH FASHION THAT STRUGGLES TO FREE HIMSELF APPARENTLY CAUSED ROPES TO TIGHTEN, ULTIMATELY CAUSING HIS DEATH, APPARENTLY ON FOLLOWING DAY. WARRANT ISSUED STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST BY DISTRICT COURT, ROUTT COUNTY, CHARGING SUBJECT AND RANDEL WITH MURDER. ALIAS CAPIAS ~~WAS~~ ISSUED BY SAME COURT EIGHTEENTH INSTANT PRESENTY OUTSTANDING.

INFORMATION OF INTEREST - SUBJECTS COMPLETE CRIMINAL RECORD NOT

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AVAILABLE BUT KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN CONVICTED DECEMBER FIFTEEN, THIRTY SIX, DISTRICT COURT, ELLIS COUNTY, TEXAS, CHARGE BURGLARY. CONVICTED DISTRICT COURT ST. CLAIR COUNTY, MISSOURI JANUARY FOUR, FORTY, CHARGE BURGLARY. CONSIDERED VICIOUS CRIMINAL DUE TO UNMERCIFUL BALCKJACK BEATING OF ~~REDACTED~~ ROBBERY VICTIMS IN HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS. WHEN ARRESTED SARATOGA, WYOMING AUGUST TEN LAST, SUBJET, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND BROTHER RANDEL, HAD FOUR RIFLES AND THREE SHOTGUNS IN CAR. SUBJECT HAD RECENTLY SAWED OFF BARREL OF ONE SHOTGUN. SUBJECT KNOWN TO HAVE CARRIED DEPUTY CONSTABLE BADGE IN SUN VISOR OF CAR AND TO HAVE ~~DISP~~ ~~REDACTED~~ DISPLAYED SAME ON OCCASION. WHEN SBJECT AND RANDEL ESCAPED FROM JAIL AT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS THEY REPORTEDLY HAD A SMALL CALIBRE AUTOMATIC PISTOL SECRETED IN THEIR CELL. PARENTS AND RELATIVES OF SUBJECT REPORTEDLY REFUSE TO COOPERATE WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS. SUBJECT REPORTEDLY HID OUT ON FARMS NEAR COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WHEN A STATE FUGITIVE. SUBJECT AND BROTHER ARE HEAVILY ARMED AND HAVE REPORTEDLY STATED THEY WILL NOT BE TAKEN ALIVE.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NOVEMBER 1, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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WOOD. O. B. ⁰THRONEBERRY WAS FUG, RANDALL THRONEBERRY, NMVA. ~~SE~~
SUBJECTS PARENTS RESIDING OUTSKIRTS FORT WORTH, NIGHT OF OCTOBER
TWENTYEIGHT ELUDED SURVEILLING AGENTS AND MADE CONTACT WITH SUBJECTS
ON HIGHWAY NEAR CLEBURNE, PROVIDING THEM WITH FOOD AND CLOTHING.
VIGOROUS INVESTIGATION OF PARENTS, WHO WERE SUBSEQUENTLY LOCATED ON
HIGHWAY FOLLOWING THE MEETING, DEVELOPS THAT FATHER IS HIGHLY UNCO-
OPERATIVE BUT MOTHER WILL COOPERATE FULLY. SHE ADVISES SUBJECTS
ARE STILL DRIVING MAROON PONTIAC SEDAN STOLEN FROM SHERIFF AT STEAM-
BOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO. THAT THEY ARE HEAVILY ARMED AND DANGEROUS.
SHE DESIRES THEY BE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY FBI, FEARING THEY WILL BE
KILLED IF APPREHENDED BY STATE OFFICERS. ADVISES SUBJECTS LEAVING
IMMEDIATELY FOR ARKANSAS TO PICK UP RANDALLS BABY, PRESENTLY IN POS-
SESSION OF REBA HURT THRONEBERRY, DAUGHTER OF ED HURT ⁴⁷AN ARKANSAS
OUTLAW, WHEREABOUTS UNKNOWN. SHE STATES REBA WILL BE WITH FATHER AND
THEIR WHEREABOUTS ALWAYS KNOWN BY MARY DAVENPORT, WIFE OF ^{SE}ED HURT.
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PROBABLY CONTACT MARY DAE DAVENPORT LATE THIS AFTERNOON OR TONIGHT.
CONSTANT CONTACT BEING MAINTAINED WITH MRS. THRONEBERRY, FORT WORTH.
SURVEILLANCE BEING ESTABLISHED OVER O. B. THRONEBERRY-S WIFE, WHO IS
EXPECTING BABY [REDACTED] SUBJECTS INFORMED THEIR MOTHER THEY
WOULD RETURN WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER THREE NEXT AND CONTACT HER. FACTS OF
NMVTA VIOLATION BEING PRESENTED USA. WARRANT WILL BE SECURED AND NON
EST RETURN MADE. SUGGEST LITTLE ROCK EXERCISE PRECAUTION IN ATTEMPT-
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OCTOBER 30, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:
O. B. THRONEBERRY, WAS, FUG, RANDALL THRONEBERRY, WAS, FUG, IMP, NMVTA.

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REGISTERED MAIL

To: SAC, Denver

From: J. Edgar Hoover - Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: O. B. THORNEBERRY, with aliases -
FUGITIVE; IMPERSONATION;
Bureau File #45-29732.

Reference is made to your letter to the Bureau dated October 27, 1943, transmitting one photograph of the above named subject and his brother, Randal Thorneberry.

In accordance with your request, six photographic copies are being forwarded to the Houston Field Division and six copies and the original are being returned to your office herewith.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Origin: HOUSTON, TEXAS

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DENVER, COLORADO

10/25/43

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LLOYD W. GRAVING (A) AB

Title:

11, 14, 15/43

Character:

O. B. ^QTHRONEBERRY, with aliases, - FUGITIVE

IMPERSONATION

Synopsis:

O. B. and ~~RANDEL~~ THRONEBERRY interviewed at County Jail, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Guns found in subject's possession at time of arrest by SO obtained in Colorado. No surplus gas ration books in possession. Several other crimes admitted by subject and RANDEL THRONEBERRY in Texas. O. B. THRONEBERRY denies participation in impersonation of CPA inspector. Accuses JONI D. ~~ENDERSON~~. Signed statements obtained. O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY escaped from County Jail, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, 10/8/43 at 3:15 p.m. Fled in Sheriff's auto, a 1942 Maroon, Tudor Pontiac, Colorado license 20-6, armed with pistols and ammunition. Authorized complaint filed and warrant nonested Houston, 10/11/43 against subject. Present whereabouts unknown.

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REFERENCES:

Bureau File No. 47-29732
Report of Special Agent CAROL THORNTON NEVIN, dated 8/19/43 at Houston, Texas
Report of Special Agent CAROL THORNTON NEVIN, dated 9/18/43 at Houston, Texas

DETAILS:

AT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO

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Special Agent HENRY A. BLASTIC and the writer interviewed subject O. B. THRONEBERRY and his brother, RANDEL THRONEBERRY, at the County Jail, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, on September 3, 1943. The following signed statements were obtained:

Approved: *W. A. Nicholas* SAC

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"OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
Houtt County
Steamboat Springs, Colorado

"Steamboat Springs, Colo.
September 3, 1943

"I, Randel Thronberry, make the following voluntary statement to Lloyd W. Graving and Henry A. Blastic whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I certify that no inducements, promises, threats or duress of any kind were used in obtaining this statement. I also certify that I understand that this statement may be used as evidence in court.

"Regarding John D. Henderson, I recall an occasion when he posed as an CPA Inspector and in that way got a full C gas back. My brother, O. B. Thronberry, and I were on our way to Ft. Lorth, and we stopped in front of Singleton Airport about 2 miles out of Ft. Lorth. Henderson had seen a negro and his girl in their car in front of the airport, so he stopped and got out of the car. He said he was an CPA Inspector and showed the Negroes the constable badge on his shirt. He stated he wanted to check up on the Negroes' gas line books. Henderson came back to where we were sitting in the car, and turned on the lights as the he was checking on something. Then he went back to the Negro, who then got out of the car. Henderson got the Negro's C gas back, which was a brand new back. No coupons had been used. He hurried back to our car, and we drove away. I don't recall the Negro's name, but know he [redacted] and that he got a [redacted] local law officers in Ft. Lorth should have a record of this incident, in order that you might find out who the Negroes were. When Henderson first approached the Negro, he had asked him for his Driver's license.

"I have read the above statement, and find it true and correct in every detail to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: /s/ Randel Thronberry
/s/ O. B. Thronberry

Witnesses:

/s/ Lloyd W. Graving, FBI, Denver, Colo,
/s/ Henry A. Blastic, FBI, Denver, Colo,
/s/ Ernest Todd - Sheriff"

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"OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
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"Steamboat Springs, Colo.
September 3, 1943

"I, C. B. Thronberry, make the following voluntary statement to Lloyd W. Craving and Henry A. Elastic, whom I know to be Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No inducements, promises, threats or duress of any kind were used in obtaining this statement. I further certify that I knew that I need not make this statement unless I so desire, and I understand that it may be used as evidence in court.

"Abt at midnight one evening in the middle of June, 1943, John D. Henderson, my brother James, another fellow who was a relative of Henderson's, and myself pulled up alongside of a car parked on a road near Pasadena, Texas. We saw the parked car and Henderson stopped. He said he just wanted to go over and let the fellow in the car know who he was. We could see there was a young couple in the back seat of the car, and the car got out when Henderson came over, and the fellow said 'I'll share with I am.' The fellow she came out was naked, and so was the girl in the car. Henderson had the constable badge on, and I heard him tell the fellow that he was an OPA Inspector, and wanted to see his gas books. About that time a fight started and Henderson slapped him down. The girl had put a dress on and came out too. Henderson gave the fellow quite a beating first, and then came back to the car and drove us away. James and I remained in the car the entire time and had absolutely nothing to do with the affair. Henderson didn't say anything about a wrist watch, but he could have torn it from the girl's wrist and wouldn't have had to tell the rest of us about it. I know James didn't get it, because he wasn't out of the car. I don't know the name of Henderson's relative who was along, but Henderson still knows who I mean. We were on our way back to Houston after having crossed the ferry when we left Baytown. I don't believe Henderson got any gas books from the couple, altho that was what he was after. I definitely know nothing about any wrist watch taken from the girl, and absolutely deny having had anything to do with the affair at all. I am not surprised, tho, that Henderson would try to pin the blame on me and my brother.

"I certify that I have read the above statement, and find it true and correct in every detail to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: /s/ C. B. Thronberry

" witnesses:

/s/ Lloyd W. Craving, FBI, Denver, Colo.
/s/ Henry A. Elastic, FBI, Denver, Colo.
/s/ Ernest Todd - Sheriff"

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The following signed statement was prepared voluntarily by C. B. and RANDEL THRONBERRY in their cell at Steamboat Springs on September 5, 1945, and was given to the interviewing Agents:

"OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF
Routt County
Steamboat Springs, Colorado

"In March, 1943 about the middle of the month we were with Claude Johnston Anna Lara Johnston and Syble, sister to Anna Lara, at that time lived at 1808 Capital St. Houston Texas got with a coast guard with a 41 model chevrolet. rode around a while with him to a lot of hunky tonks on the Beaumont Highway carried him on the highway. He was making love to Claude's wife all the time and Claude was telling her to play up to him so he could get his money and pistol. we all stopped on the highway 5 or 6 miles from town. Claude got out and grabbed the pistol his old lady and her sister got the old fellows wallet, and Claude made him walk across the ditch on the side of the highway and go through the fence then we all got back in the Chevrolet Club Coupe and Claude drove back to the green top and I (Randel) got my car and followed him to Lyons Ave. and left his car sitting on Lyons Ave. Claude threw the keys from the car before we reached town. The man was a shipyard Guard at Houston. Claude Johnston has served time in Texas at Huntsville. His dad lives at Lovelady Texas, he is a horse doctor.

9-3-45

/s/ Randel Thronberry
/s/ C. B. Thronberry"

All of the above three statements are being forwarded to the Houston Field Division by registered mail.

With regard to the guns found in their possession, C. B. and RANDEL THRONBERRY advised that the following was a list of the guns as well as the places and dates at which they were obtained:

16 gauge Sears Roebuck shotgun
Velt action .22 repeater rifle, Montgomery Ward
Frontier model 44.40 revolver

The above three guns were obtained by strong-arm methods by the two THRONBERRY brothers at Tracy, Colorado, on August 3, 1943, from Mr. W. C. LICENDORFF. About \$500.00 in cash was also obtained from Mr. LICENDORFF.

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The above three guns were transported from Colorado to Wyoming prior to the apprehension of the THRONEBERRY brothers.

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~~RIFLE~~ Martin 12 gauge shotgun, serial number 105912
~~Winchester model 1894 30.30, serial number 442372~~
Massachusetts Firearms Company, 410 rifle (no serial number)

The above three guns, as well as a pair of binoculars, came from a holdup of Mr. W. B. O'DONWELL, Akron, Colorado, on August 4, 1943,

Winchester 1894 model 32.40 volt action
.22 caliber single shot Winchester rifle

The above two guns were obtained from the camp of BERT PURDY near Hayden, Colorado, at which time of this stickup BERT PURDY was bound up tightly by the THRONEBERRY boys and later died. O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY are presently facing murder charges resulting from that death.

Both O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY were apparently very much indignant over the fact that JOHN D. HENDERSON was neglecting to assume any part in the various stickups in Texas and was endeavoring to lay the impersonation blame upon O. B. THRONEBERRY. O. B. THRONEBERRY definitely denied having any participation in the impersonation. He then proceeded to relate other instances of law breaking on the part of JOHN D. HENDERSON, advising that on a Sunday morning, about the middle of June, 1943, RANDEL and O. B. THRONEBERRY in company with JOHN D. HENDERSON and another fellow stopped at a filling station at Hanley, Texas, and threw a stickup of a Texaco Station and obtained \$79.00. A boy attendant about eighteen years of age can identify HENDERSON as participating.

O. B. THRONEBERRY related that he and RANDEL THRONEBERRY had paid for the gas and when the attendant walked into the station to make change, JOHN D. HENDERSON followed him. O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY stated they had heard a groan from the attendant and saw him keel over behind the counter. HENDERSON then took the attendant's billfold. At that time the THRONEBERRYS and HENDERSON and the unknown fourth party had been driving a 1935 Ford with California plates. HENDERSON had walked around the station and the automobile a couple of times in order to "case" the place.

O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY had known nothing about what HENDERSON had contemplated prior to driving into the station. The \$79.00 had been removed from a celluloid billfold and the billfold was later thrown over a fence in Hanley.

This same day, in the evening, the same four individuals about midnight were seen driving out of West Fort Worth on Weatherford Highway. About five miles out of town they stopped at a "honky tonk" and HENDERSON

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had seen an elderly man with a couple of women. The man was about fifty years of age, but his name is not known. HENDERSON stated he thought he had seen about \$100.00 in the man's possession while he had been standing at the bar. Shortly after seeing this money, HENDERSON followed the man to the Men's washroom and "slugged him," took his billfold and all he got was about \$20.00." While this slugging took place O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY advised they remained in the car outside of the "honky tonk." O. B. THRONEBERRY proceeded to relate the following incident:

Just prior to the crossing of a railroad track leading out of Houston enroute to La Porte, Texas, on the lefthand side of the road is a cafe and a beer joint combined. In June of 1943, HENDERSON, O. B. THRONEBERRY, a one-legged boy and two girls of unknown identity forced their way into this building and stole three or four cases of beer and a cigarette machine which netted about 300 packages of cigarettes and from \$15.00 to \$18.00 in cash. Entrance had been made into the building west room window and the cases of beer and cigarette machine had been removed also through this same window. The cigarette machine had been placed on the bumper of the car, which was the 1935 Ford previously referred to in this report. O. B. THRONEBERRY advised that certainly the Sheriff's Office at Houston must have a record of this burglary.

O. B. related another instance which occurred in June of 1943 when he and JOHN D. HENDERSON had removed a wedding ring and an engagement ring from a drunk woman on the La Porte road just outside of Houston. JOHN D. HENDERSON had picked up the drunk woman in the beer joint and had later used a blackjack on her. She had been left on the La Porte road after her rings had been removed. It was believed that she had originally come from some small town in Oklahoma. O. B. THRONEBERRY advised that he personally had obtained the rings from HENDERSON and on August 6, 1943, pawned them at a shop on Main Street at Grand Junction, Colorado. He later destroyed the pawn tickets.

In answering questions as to where the Deputy Constables badge had been obtained, O. B. THRONEBERRY advised that the one-legged fellow who was with them on the stickup previously referred to in this report furnished them with the Deputy Constable's badge during the holdup in which the beer and cigarette machine were obtained.

On September 11, 1943, the matter of filing a detainer against O. B. THRONEBERRY at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, was discussed with United States Attorney THOMAS J. MORRISSEY. Mr. MORRISSEY advised [REDACTED]

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The writer was telephonically advised by Sheriff ERNEST TODD of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, on October 9, 1943, that O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY had escaped County Jail at 3:15 P.M. on October 8, 1943. Two previous attempts to escape had been unsuccessfully made by the brothers. Sheriff TODD advised he had been assaulted and overpowered when bringing stationery to the THRONEBERRYS in their cell. The sheriff stated that the prisoners had been armed with a small caliber automatic pistol when he brought the stationery to them. Sheriff TODD had been robbed of his billfold, credentials and "C" gas book. The title of his automobile was also stolen by the escaping prisoners. The THRONEBERRYS obtained the keys to the Sheriff's automobile in which they fled.

The automobile is described as a 1942 maroon, Pontiac Tudor, six cylinders, Colorado license 28-6, Motor No. P-6 KA21055. The car was equipped with two fog lights and an emergency light on the front bumper. Firearms located in the automobile at the time of the theft consisted of a .22 caliber pistol and a Colt .45 caliber revolver, plus at least one box of ammunition. Both prisoners were reportedly dressed in khaki shirts and trousers and wore cowboy boots.

The above information regarding the escape was transmitted to the Bureau and to the Houston, Dallas and Little Rock Offices by teletype dated October 9, 1943. No action was taken by the Denver Field Division against either of the THRONEBERRYS inasmuch as the complaint against O. B. THRONEBERRY had been dismissed August 24, 1943, at Houston, Texas.

On October 10, 1943, Sheriff ERNEST TODD telephonically advised Special Agent HENRY A. BLASTIC that information had been received by his department that a farmer in the vicinity of Trinidad, Colorado, had seen an automobile bearing Colorado license plates 28-6. TODD advised he believed the THRONEBERRY brothers were headed for Texas, and that the car is already out of the state of Colorado. He expressed the desire that the FBI enter the case inasmuch as he was afraid the THRONEBERRYS will head for Old Mexico. TODD also advised that the THRONEBERRYS' mother resides at 117 East Front Street, Cleburne, Texas, and that RANDEL THRONEBERRY's wife resides at Coal Hill, Arkansas, c/o C. H. DAVENPORT. This additional information obtained from Sheriff TODD was also transmitted by teletype dated October 10, 1943, to the above-mentioned interested offices.

On October 11, 1943, a teletype was received from Houston advising that on that date an authorized complaint had been filed at Houston, charging O. B. THRONEBERRY with impersonation. Bond was set at \$1500, returnable at Houston instant date. Warrant was returned nontested and an alias warrant had been obtained also on the same date. Houston requested that law enforcement units covering the residences of all relatives as set out in the report of

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Special Agent CARROL THORNTON NEVEN, dated August 19, 1943, at Houston, be notified of the pertinent facts. The teletype further stated that the El Paso, San Antonio and Memphis Offices were being supplied with pertinent details.

On October 15, 1943, the writer was advised telephonically by Sheriff ERNEST TODD that a peculiar newspaper request had been received by The Steamboat Pilot, a Steamboat Springs, Colorado, newspaper. The communication received by that newspaper was a written request from CURTIS R. HUDSON at General Delivery, Borger, Texas, for a copy of The Steamboat Pilot by return mail. The communication was postmarked October 11, 1943, at Borger and no particular issue had been requested. The Steamboat Pilot is published weekly, namely every Thursday, and a copy dated October 14, 1943, was mailed on October 15, 1943, to HUDSON, c/o General Delivery, Borger, Texas.

Sheriff TODD pointed out that both O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY were known to be interested in newspaper articles concerning their escapades. Sheriff TODD also pointed out that he had information indicating that RANDEL THRONEBERRY had formerly been an employee of the Phillip Refinery at Borger, Texas. The thought was expressed that possibly CURTIS R. HUDSON might be identical with either O. B. or RANDEL THRONEBERRY.

The Chief of Police at Borger, Texas, had been contacted telephonically regarding this request for the newspaper, by Sheriff TODD on October 14, 1943. A teletype was forwarded to the Dallas Field Division on October 15, 1943, setting forth the information with the request that the Borger Police Department be contacted immediately for any action they might have taken, and the Dallas Office was requested to ascertain the identity of CURTIS R. HUDSON. It is pointed out that the General Delivery window of the Borger Post Office should be covered if necessary.

Sheriff TODD advised that he has in his possession recent photographs of both O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY. He also stated that he had considerable other data which might be of assistance in locating the whereabouts of the THRONEBERRYS and advised that all of this information, together with the photographs were being mailed to the Denver Field Division for whatever value they might have. Sheriff TODD requested that this information be returned to him when it has served its purpose by the Denver Office.

Sheriff TODD also pointed out in his conversation with the writer that O. B. THRONEBERRY's wife is expected to have a child within [redacted] and that she is presently residing with O. B. THRONEBERRY's parents at Cleburne, Texas. Sheriff TODD expressed the belief that O. B. THRONEBERRY would endeavor to contact his wife, and that such contact would be made after dark.

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ENCLOSURES: To Houston - 3 signed statements of O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY dated September 3, 1943.

- UNDEVELOPED LEADS -

THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS

Will [REDACTED]
an OPA Inspector, as set forth in instant report.

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Will recontact the United States Attorney with regard to the filing of the detainer of O. B. THRONEBERRY at Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Will advise local authorities regarding information concerning other stickups at Texas, as contained in this report.

AT BORGER, TEXAS

Will endeavor to ascertain whether or not CURTIS R. HUDSON, General Delivery, Borger, is identical with either subject of this case or his brother, RANDEL THRONEBERRY.

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO

Will forward copies of recent photographs of O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY to the Houston Field Division when received from Sheriff TODD, Steamboat Springs, Colorado.

Will examine all data received from Sheriff TODD in search of possible leads which then will be set out in an investigative report. Will keep in constant contact with Sheriff TODD for any additional information he might obtain in instant case bearing in mind possible violation of the NIVTA and Unlawful Flight to Avoid Prosecution Statute.

Will follow prosecutive action against O. B. THRONEBERRY.

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- INFORMATION -

Copies of this report are being furnished to the Little Rock, El Paso, San Antonio and Memphis Offices in view of their probably future interest in this case.

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NOVEMBER 5, 1943

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O. B. THRONEBERRY, WAS, FUGITIVE, RANDEL THRONEBERRY, WAS, FUGITIVE, IMPERSONATION, NAVA. SECURE IMMEDIATELY PROPER BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR IDENTIFICATION ORDERS BOTH SUBJECTS AND SUBMIT TO BUREAU BY TELETYPE. ONLY DATA NEEDED ARE VERIFICATION DATES AND PLACES OF BIRTH BOTH SUBJECTS, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF IMMEDIATE RELATIVES AND OTHER RELATIVES WHO MAY BE NON-COOPERATIVE. DATA WILL BE ASSIMILATED AT BUREAU AND NO IDENTIFICATION ORDER MEMORANDUM NECESSARY FROM YOUR OFFICE.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

Denver 2, Colorado
October 27, 1943

**AIR MAIL
SPECIAL DELIVERY**

Director, FBI

Re: O. B. ⁰THRONEBERRY, with aliases -
FUGITIVE; IMPERSONATION;
Bureau File #47-29732.

Dear Sir:

There are being transmitted herewith one photograph each of O. B. THRONEBERRY and his brother RANDEL THRONEBERRY. These photographs were made of subject and his brother while they were incarcerated in the County Jail at Steamboat Springs, Colorado in August, 1943.

Inasmuch as there are no other copies of these photographs available in this office, it is suggested that the Bureau furnish the Denver and the Houston Field Divisions with at least six copies each, after reprints have been made.

Very truly yours,

G. A. Nicholson
G. A. NICHOLSON
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
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518 Railway Exchange Building
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United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: O.B. THRONEBERRY, WAS, FUG., ET AL,
IMPERSONATION, NEMTA,
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION - MURDER
Origin: DENVER, COLORADO

Dear Sir:

In order that a fugitive index card may be prepared without delay, you are advised that on November 1, 1943, (1) a probation violator's warrant was issued by the United States District Court for the _____ District of _____ at _____, or (2) the United States Marshal at Denver, Colo. returned "non est" the warrant for the following individual:

NAME AND ALIASES: O.B. THRONEBERRY, Olin Bond, Otis Ball

FBI # _____ Other Identifying # Texas St. Pen. #84541

OFFENSE (for which wanted): UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION - MURDER

PROCESS (The date and place of the indictment or complaint is to be indicated here):

U.S. Commissioner's complaint, Denver, Colorado, November 1, 1943

DESCRIPTION:

- 1-Age: 28
- 2-Date of birth: 4/4/15
- 3-Place of birth: Guthrie, Oklahoma
- 4-Height: 5'9"
- 5-Weight: 150 pounds
- 6-Build: Medium
- 7-Eyes: Brown
- 8-Hair: Brown - chestnut, wavy
- 9-Complexion:
- 10-Color: White
- 11-Sex: Male
- 12-Nationality: American
- 13-Occupation: Laborer and stationary fireman
- 14-Marital status: married
- 15-Residence:

Scars and marks: Tattoos of T, Dagger, "M.M.", "Love", "Mother and Dad", "O.B.", heart and nude woman on arms

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Very truly yours,

G. A. Nicholson
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**Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice**

518 Railway Exchange Building
Denver, 2, Colorado
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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Re: **RANDEL THRONEBERRY, FUG., ET AL,
IMPERSONATION, NMVTA, UNLAWFUL
FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION - MURDER**

Origin: **DENVER, COLORADO**

Dear Sir:

In order that a fugitive index card may be prepared without delay, you are advised that on November 1, 1943, (1) a probation violator's warrant was issued by the United States District Court for the _____ District of _____ at _____, or (2) the United States Marshal at Denver, Colo. returned "non est" the warrant for the following individual:

NAME AND ALIASES: **RANDEL THRONEBERRY**

FBI #

Other Identifying #

OFFENSE (for which wanted): **UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION - MURDER**

PROCESS (The date and place of the indictment or complaint is to be indicated here):
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- 11-Sex: Male
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November 9, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. E. A. TAMM

Re: O. B. THRONEBERRY, with aliases
FUGITIVE; RANDEL THRONEBERRY,
FUGITIVE; IMPERSONATION -
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT

Mr. Tolson _____
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Mr. Hendon _____
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Mr. Starke _____
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Miss Beahm _____
Miss Gandy _____

SAC R. G. Danner called from Dallas, Texas, concerning this case and referred to his teletype of yesterday requesting the Bureau to advise whether he could pay a reasonable sum up to \$200.00 for exclusive information leading to the apprehension of the Throneberrys. Mr. Danner explained that all the peace officers in the State of Texas are working on this matter and he wanted to be prepared to offer payment for information if deemed necessary.

ACTION TAKEN

I told Mr. Danner I could see no objection to doing this if we have to.

Respectfully,

A. Rosen

A. Rosen

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Special Agent in Charge

Houston, Texas

RE: O. B. THRONBERRY, with aliases,
FUGITIVE; RANDEL THRONBERRY, FUGITIVE;
IMPRISONATION; NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT
ACT

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are two copies of
a memorandum prepared by the Identification Division
concerning O. B. THRONBERRY, #FBI 879619
together with the criminal record of
that individual who is identical with Subject O. B.
in instant case.

THRONBERRY

Two photographs of the above individual are
also transmitted herewith.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Hoover
John Edgar Hoover
Director

Enclosure

Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
Mr. Clegg _____
Mr. Glavin _____
Mr. Ladd _____
Mr. Nichols _____
Mr. Rosen _____
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November 1, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ROSEN

RE: O. B. ^①THRONEBERRY, with aliases,
RANDEL ^②THRONEBERRY, with aliases,
FUGITIVES; IMPERSONATION;
NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT;
UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID
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In accordance with our conversation, I telephonically contacted the Denver Office and talked to Assistant SAC R. J. Brandt. He advised that he would immediately have the U. S. Attorney contacted relative to the securing of UFAP process against both subjects and would advise by teletype the results of this contact. He stated, however, that the U. S. Attorney had looked with disfavor on UFAP cases generally but that he probably would authorize process in this case. He further referred to a letter dated October 21, 1943, relative to the escape of these subjects from the jail by assaulting Sheriff Ernest Todd. The letter referred to by Mr. Brandt was received subsequent to this conversation. He said that it would appear on the surface without investigation that either Sheriff Todd or Under-Sheriff William MacFarland may have furnished the pistol to subjects to escape. [redacted] confidentially advised that the Throneberrys had told him that MacFarland had sold them the pistol for \$100.00. However, Mr. Brandt stated that [redacted] is a [redacted] more or less unstable, and may have facilitated subjects escape himself although there is no evidence indicating this at the present time. He said that subjects should be questioned in this regard when they are apprehended in order that the Denver Office may be fully advised regarding the character of [redacted] and Under-Sheriff MacFarland.

Subjects were not Federal prisoners at the time of their escape and no Federal process was outstanding at that time.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

None, at the present but this case is being very closely followed.

Note - UFAP process was issued 11/1/43 according to subsequent wire.

Respectfully,

S. H. Horton
S. H. Horton



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SURD. O. B. ⁰THRONEBERRY, WAS, FUGITIVE, ET AL, IMPERSONATION, NM
WEAP MURDER. SUBJECT RELATED TO MARTHA LEMAY, EIGHT ONE FIVE
BECKETT STREET, COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE, GRANDMOTHER. ED THRONEBERRY,
UNCLE, ONE THREE ONE FIVE AND ONE HALF SOUTH MAIN STREET, COLUMBIA.
LEON THRONEBERRY, NINE ONE NAUGHT WEBSTER, COLUMBIA, COUSIN.
ROY THRONEBERRY, SOUTH MAIN STREET COLUMBIA, COUSIN. ALMER LEMAY, UNCLE,
LAWRENCEBURG, TENNESSEE.

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TRILL. O. B. ^PTHRONEBERRY, WASFUG., ETAL, IMPERSONATION, NMVTA
UFAP - MURDER. REURTEL OF INSTANT DATE ADDRESSED TO DENVER AND
FORWARDED THIS OFFICE. JAMES PAUL ~~X~~THRONEBERRY, BROTHER OF SUBJECT,
IS PRESENTLY HELD TEXAS STATE PENITENTIARY, HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS.
OTHER DESIRED INFORMATION TO BE VERIFIED BY OFFICES CONCERNED AND ²

SUBMITTED BUREAU BY ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ TELETYPE.

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 Mr. Egan
 Mr. Gurnea
 Mr. Harbo
 Mr. Hendon
 Mr. Pennington
 Mr. Quinn Tamm
 Mr. Nease
 Miss Gandy

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DIRECTOR

SMH S. Houston

SURD. O. B. THRONEBERRY WAS FUG, RANDLE THRONEBERRY WAS FUG,
 IMP. NMVTA. UFAP . MURDER. REFERENCE HOUSTON TELETYPE SIXTH INSTANT.
 RESIDENCE OF SUBJECTS PARENTS FRANK .M. AND ELIZABETH LIZZIE THRONE-
 BERRY VERIFIED AT FORT WORTH LIVING ON UNNAMED STREET IN OUTSKIRTS OF
 CITY. MAIL ADDRESS GENERAL DELIVERY. SUBJECT O. B. THRONEBERRYS WIFE
 ANNIE LOU, RESIDES ONE SEVENTEEN FRONT STREET CLEBURNE TEXAS.

INVESTIGATION AT CLEBURNE INDICATES SUBJECTS HAVE PLACED STOLEN TEXAS
 LICENSE NUMBER ^{N 7 4 6 3 3} N SEVEN FOUR SIX NAUGHT THREE ON INSTANT PONTIAC. SOME
~~INDICATION~~ INDICATION SUBJECTS PAINTED THIS CAR BLACK AS IT IS KNOWN
 SUBJECTS PARENTS PROVIDED THEM WITH BLACK PAINT ON NIGHT OCTOBER TWENT-
 YEIGHT LAST. SUBJECT O. B. THRONEBERRYS MOTHER IN LAW, MRS. GENIE

SCOTT, WHO LIVES WITH SUBJECTS WIFE, CLEBURNE, CONTACTED AND PROMISES

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L COOPERATION. ALL RELATIVES IN CLEBURNE AND VICINITY HAVE BEEN
 CONTACTED AND ADVISED OF HARBORING STATUTE AND ALL PROMISE COOPERATION.
 LOOSE SURVEILLANCE BEING MAINTAINED AT CLEBURNE. CONTINUOUS-SURVEILLANCE
 HAS BEEN MAINTAINED OVER SUBJECTS PARENTS AT FORT WORTH, IT BEING QUITE
 OBVIOUS PARENTS ARE AWARE OF SURVEILLANCE AND ~~ARE~~ ARE HIGHLY NERVOUS,
 APPARENTLY FEARING SUBJECTS WILL COME IN. SUBJECTS MOTHER HAS BEEN

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CONTACTED AND PROMISES COOPEDATION, BUT LITTLE CREDENCE CAN BE PLACED IN HER CLAIM. FROM ALL INDICATIONS SUBJECTS HAVE NOT RETURNED TO VICINITY FORT WORTH AND CLEBURNE SINCE DEPARTURE NIGHT OF OCTOBER TWENTYEIGHT. BUREAU REQUESTED TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF A REASONABLE SUM OF MONEY UP TO TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR INFORMATION FURNISHED EXCLUSIVELY TO BUREAU AGENTS LEADING TO APPREHENSION OF SQBJECTS. INSTANT CASE HAS INCITED INTENSE INTEREST ON PART OF LOCAL OFFICERS IN NORTH TEXAS AND IT IS KNOWN THAT TEXAS STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, TEXAS RANGERS, FORT WORTH PD AND FORT WORTH SO ARE HANDLING THIS CASE AS A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT. SHERIFFS OFFICE AT CLEBURNE HAS BEEN EXCEEDINGLY COOPERATIVE IN CASE AND HAS PROMISED TO NOTIFY THIS OFFICE IF TIME PERMITS OF ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE WHEREABOUTS OF FUGITIVES.

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SURD. O. B. THRONEBERRY, ~~WAS~~ WAS, FUG., ET AL. IMPERSONATION, NMVTA, UFAP, MURDER. RETEL HOUSTON NOVEMBER SIX LAST. INVESTIGATION AT OKLAHOMA CITY AND GUTHRIE, OKLAHOMA FAILS TO DISCLOSE ~~RECORD~~ RECORD OF O. B. THORNEBERRYS BIRTH. RUC.

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SURD. O. B. THRONEBERRY, WAS, FUG, ETAL, IMPERSONATION, NMVTA,
UFAP, MURDER. FOR IO PURPOSE, LDB B, LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS,
 VERIFIES RANDEL THRONEBERRY BORN CLEBURNE, TEXAS, AUGUST TWENTY
 FIRST NINETEEN SEVENTEEN. INVESTIGATION COAL HILL, ARKANSAS,
 REVEALS RANDELS WIFE, REBA HURT, ADRESS GENERAL DELIVERY, FORT
 WORTH, TEXAS. HOUSTON NOTIFIED. RUC.

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O. B. ^①THRONEBERRY WAS ETAL FUGITIVES. IMPERSONATION, NMVTA, UFAP, MURDER. INFORMATION RECEIVED THAT BOTH SUBJECTS HID OUT ON RANCH OPERATED BY ONE VERNON ~~WILL~~ FOLLOWING THEIR ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY IN COLORADO. ASCERTAINED TODAY THIS RANCH LOCATED NORTH OF BLUM, TEXAS IN HILLSBORO COUNTY, FEW MILES OVER LINE IN SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT. INVESTIGATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AT THIS RANCH THIS EVENING IN VIEW ~~OF~~ OF THE FAMILIARITY OF DALLAS AGENTS WITH INSTANT CASE. PROCEEDING CLEBURNE IMMEDIATELY. ASAC E. C. WENIG ACTING

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HAIL. O. B. THRONEBERRY WAS, ETAL FUGITIVES, IMPERSONATION, NMVTAYSS GANDY
UFAP MURDER. CONTINUED INVESTIGATION THIS DISTRICT REFLECTS THAT ED
HURT, FATHER IN LAW OF RANDLE THRONEBERRY, HAS BEEN RESIDING UNFILED
APPROXIMATELY NOVEMBER ONE LAST AT KIRKLAND TEXAS, WHEN HE LEFT FOR
UNKNOWN DESTINATION. REBA THRONEBERRY, WIFE OF RANDLE, LEFT COAL HILL
ARKANSAS NOVEMBER ELEVEN LAST, OSTENSIBLY ENROUTE FORT WORTH, HOWEVER
SHE NEVER ARRIVED FORT WORTH AND IT IS NOW BELIEVED SHE HAS JOINED
FUGITIVES. RANDLE THRONEBERRY IDENTIFIED BY DESCRIPTION AS INQUIRING
FOR WHEREABOUTS ED HURT IN KIRKLAND, TEXAS SATURDAY NOVEMBER THIRTEEN
LAST. INFORMATION INDICATES HURT HAS SON AND DAUGHTER RESIDING IN SOUTH
END OF CHILDRESS COUNTY IN BAD LANDS COUNTRY. ■ UPON DEFINITE LOCATION
OF ED HURT WILL PROCEED CHILDRESS, TEXAS TO SUPERVISE FURTHER ACTION
NECESSARY THERE. ASAC WENIG WILL BE ACTING ■ UPON MY DEPARTURE.

AUTHORIZATION REQUESTED FOR FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE -

QUOTE THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AT DALLAS ANNOUNCED TODAY THE
ARREST OF FRANK N. THRONEBERRY, FATHER OF O. B. AND RANDLE THRONEBERRY,
EAST RIPEY STREET, FORT WORTH, TEXAS, CHARGED WITH RECEIVING AND CON-
CEALING AN AUTOMOBILE STOLEN FROM SHERIFF ERNEST TODD, STEAMBOAT SPRINGS
COLORADO, WHICH WAS THEREAFTER TRANSPORTED IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE FROM
STEAMBOAT SPRINGS COLORADO, TO FORT WORTH TEXAS. THIS AUTOMOBILE WAS
STOLEN BY O. B. AND RANDLE THRONEBERRY, WHO ARE THE SUBJECTS OF A WIDE-
SPREAD INVESTIGATION BY THE ■ FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION AND LOCAL
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FOLLOWING THEIR ESCAPE FROM THE COUNTY JAIL
AT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, AFTER SLUGGING SHERIFF TODD,

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Mr. Clegg
Mr. Coffey
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
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WHERE THEY WERE BEING HELD AWAITING PROSECUTION ON STATE CHARGES FOR
~~MURDER~~ MURDER. FRANK THRONEBERRY WILL BE ACCORDED A HEARING BEFORE THE
U. S. COMMISSIONER AT FORT WORTH IMMEDIATELY. UNQUOTE. THE BUREAU IS
ADVISED THAT PROSECUTION HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED AGAINST FRANK THRONEBERRY
UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION FROM AN INFORMANT THAT HE HAS IN HIS POS-
SESSION FOG LIGHTS AND RED EMERGENCY LIGHT REMOVED FROM THE STOLEN
PONTIAC SEDAN INVOLVED INSTANT CASE. COMPLAINT WILL BE FILED AS SOON
AS LIGHTS ARE DEFINITELY LOCATED WHERE THEY CAN BE SIEZED AT TIME OF
ARREST OF SUBJECT FRANK THRONEBERRY.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

RBS:MRB

November 17, 1943

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: ^{SACS, DALLAS, DENVER, HOUSTON.}

O. B. ^①THRONEBERRY, WAS, ETAL FUGITIVE, IMPERSONATION, KMVTA, UFAP, MURDER.
REUTEL NOVEMBER SIXTEEN NINETEEN FORTY-THREE, AUTHORIZATION GRANTED TO ISSUE
PRESS RELEASE UPON APPREHENSION OF FRANK H. ^①THRONEBERRY. SUGGEST DENVER BE
FURNISHED PERTINENT FACTS FOR RELEASE BECAUSE INTEREST THAT DISTRICT.

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Mr. Tolson _____
Mr. E. A. Tamm _____
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Mr. Coffey _____
Mr. Glavin _____
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

*② T. J. Flynn
Supervisor*

Date November 13 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORDS SECTION

ATTENTION: SEARCHING UNIT-FUGITIVE CLERK *cc*

REFERENCE:

Name Randel Throneberry
Fugitive Index No. 14051
Bureau File No. 47-29732

ACTION DESIRED:

Cancel Fugitive Stops _____
Add Following Aliases J. C. Kirby, Randel Thronberry,
Randel Odel Thornberry, Randel Odell Thronberry, Randall Throneberry,
Randall Odell Throneberry, Randel Odell Throneberry

Add Following Descriptive Data _____



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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **HOUSTON**

FILE NO. **47-820**

REPORT MADE AT EL PASO, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 11-16-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-11, 26-43	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH F. GRAY (A) jeh
TITLE O. B. THORNEBERRY, with aliases - FUGITIVE			CHARACTER OF CASE IMPERSONATION

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Stops placed with Border Patrol, SO, PD, Texas H'way Patrol, USI and NS, all El Paso.

- RUC -

REFERENCE:

Teletype Houston to El Paso dated 10-11-43.

DETAILS:

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AT EL PASO, TEXAS:

In accordance with the request in reference teletype, information concerning this subject's escape and desired apprehension was given to the following agencies:

U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service,
U. S. Border Patrol,
Sheriff's Office,
Police Department and
Texas State Highway Patrol, all El Paso, Texas.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will advise of subject's apprehension, so that stops placed at El Paso may be cancelled.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **HOUSTON, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **47-782**

REPORT MADE AT MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	DATE WHEN MADE 11-19-43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-11, 12; 11-5, 6-43	REPORT MADE BY JAMES L. McGOVERN LH
TITLE O. B. THRONEBERRY, was, et al, FUGITIVES			CHARACTER OF CASE IMPERSONATION NATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLE THEFT ACT UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (MURDER)
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Relatives of subject interviewed at Columbia, Tennessee, with negative results. Stop notices placed Columbia PD, Sheriff's Office, Highway Patrol. 30-day mail cover placed Columbia, Tennessee. Arrangements made for Memphis to be advised if subject contacts grandmother MARTHA LEMAY at Columbia, Tennessee.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>REFERENCE: Houston Field Division teletype dated October 11, 1943, To the Memphis Field Division.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Conference teletype from the Denver Field Division, dated November 1, 1943,</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Letter from the Dallas Field Division, dated November 1, 1943, to the Memphis Field Division.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Conference teletype from the Houston Field Division dated November 6, 1943.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Teletype to the Bureau from Memphis Field Division dated November 8, 1943.</p> <p>DETAILS: At COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Upon receipt of the teletype from Houston Field Division, dated October 11, 1943, appropriate stop notices were placed with the Police Department, Sheriff's Office and Highway Patrol at Columbia, Tennessee. These offices were advised as to the identity, description and the fugitive status of the subjects, and the circumstances under which they had escaped from the Steamboat Springs</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i> R/S		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES
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County Jail, Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Also that they were believed to be traveling in a 1942 Pontiac Tudor, six cylinder sedan, Colorado license # 28-6, equipped with two fog lights and emergency light on front bumper. They were likewise advised that the subject's were armed and caution should be used in their apprehension.

W. S. ELLIS, 815 Beckett Street, Columbia, Tennessee, was interviewed concerning visitors to Mrs. M. A. LEMAY, who also resides at this address. It was ascertained that Mrs. LEMAY occupies one portion of this duplex house and that her name was formerly MARTHA THRONEBERRY. It was ascertained that during the summer of 1943, ELLIS believed it was during June, O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY visited at the home of Mrs. LEMAY at 815 Beckett Street. At the time of this visit they were accompanied by their father FRANK THRONEBERRY and they were driving a 1936 Ford or Plymouth sedan, bearing Texas license plates. ELLIS inquired of Mrs. LEMAY why these boys were not in the Army as they appeared to be of draft age. She informed him that they were both married and had children and had been deferred for this reason. He indicated that the wives of O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY did not accompany them on their visit to Mr. LEMAY.

ELLIS stated that O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY are Mrs. LEMAY's grandchildren by her first husband. He stated that she has one son, ED THRONEBERRY, who resides in Columbia, Tennessee, and that this ED THRONEBERRY is married and has several grown children. ELLIS described O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY as follows:

NAME	O. B. THRONEBERRY, the older of the two, appeared to be between 25 and 29 years old.
Height	5' 8" to 5' 10"
Weight	150 pounds
Eyes	Dark
Hair	Dark
Build	Slender
NAME	RANDALL THRONEBERRY, one or two years younger in appearance than O. B., probably between 22 and 25 years of age
Height	5' 10" or 5' 11"
Weight	150 to 160 pounds
Hair	Dark
Complexion	Dark

At the time of their visit to Columbia, Tennessee, ELLIS stated they were both wearing high-heeled boots and both dressed in khaki

He stated that they were both wild boys and on several nights during their visit to Mrs. LEMAY they became very drunk and disorderly.

ED THRONEBERRY, 1315 $\frac{1}{2}$ South Main Street, Columbia, Tennessee, stated that he is a brother to FRANK THRONEBERRY and the uncle of O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY. ED THRONEBERRY stated that he had heard that O. B. and RANDALL were presently being sought by the Police as a result of a letter that Mrs. LEMAY had received from FRANK THRONEBERRY's wife. He stated that he displayed this letter and press clippings which had been forwarded in this letter to Chief of Police WALTER GRIFFIN, Columbia, Tennessee, and indicated that he would cooperate in advising this office or the local Police in the event that these fugitives should come to Columbia and he should learn of their presence there.

ED THRONEBERRY stated that RANDALL THRONEBERRY is married to REBA HURT, the daughter of ED HURT, whom he believes resides in Arkansas. He stated that he last saw REBA three years ago when she and FRANK THRONEBERRY, the subject's father, made a visit to Columbia, Tennessee, to Mrs. LEMAY. At the time of this visit to Columbia, by REBA, he stated that RANDALL was confined in the Arkansas Penitentiary.

In addition to O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY, he stated that FRANK THRONEBERRY, has one other son JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY, whom he understood is presently confined to a penitentiary in Texas. He stated that JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY is married to a BATES girl, whose father ETHAN BATES resides at Centerville, Tennessee. He did not know anything concerning the background of O. B. THRONEBERRY's wife, nor her present whereabouts. He indicated that REBA THRONEBERRY is not presently in Columbia, and has not been since her visit three years ago. ED THRONEBERRY indicated that he had two grown children LEON and ROY THRONEBERRY, both of whom reside in Columbia, Tennessee. He also stated that he has a half brother ELMER LEMAY, who operates a produce business at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee. ED THRONEBERRY was furnished with the telephone number of the Memphis Field Division and the Resident Agent's Office, at Nashville and Columbia, Tennessee, and was requested to advise this office in the event that O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY should visit Columbia. He stated that he would cooperate in any way that he could as he desired these boys be apprehended.

ROY THRONEBERRY, South Main Street, employee of the Duck River Tire Company, Columbia, Tennessee, stated that he saw O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY in May or June 1943, at which time they were visiting the home of their grandmother MARTHA LEMAY and were accompanied by their father and mother. At the time of this visit they were driving a 1936 Ford, which bore California license plates. He indicated that they stayed at their grandmother's home three or four days and then left seeking jobs in the northern part of Tennessee as strawberry pickers. He did not know the location where they sought these jobs or if they were able to secure them. He further stated that at the time they left Columbia, they made an attempt to steal his, ROY THRONEBERRY's, car. He indicated that he would be happy to cooperate in any way he could in effecting the apprehension of O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY.

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and he was furnished with the telephone number of the Memphis Field Division, and the Resident Agent's office at Nashville and Columbia, Tennessee.

LEON THRONEBERRY, 910 Webster Street, Columbia, Tennessee, and an employee of the Monsanto Chemical Company, Monsanto, Tennessee, indicated that he is a cousin to O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY, however, he stated that he has not seen them since May of 1943 when they were at Columbia, Tennessee, visiting their grandmother, Mrs. LEMAY, at 815 Beckett Street. He indicated that O. B. THRONEBERRY was formerly married to MATTIE PEARL BUCHANAN, who formerly resided at Centerville, Tennessee. There was one child by this marriage but this child is now dead. During the time of their visit to Columbia, Tennessee, the THRONEBERRY's were driving a 1936 green Ford sedan bearing California license plates. LEON THRONEBERRY indicated that he was not on friendly terms with O. B. and RANDALL, as he described them as trouble makers and he did not want anything to do with them. He stated that he would notify this office or local authorities in the event he received information concerning their whereabouts.

W. S. ELLIS, 815 Beckett Street, was again contacted and he advised that he would notify this office of any visitors at the home of Mrs. LEMAY.

Mrs. MARTHA LEMAY, 815 Beckett Street, Columbia, Tennessee, stated that she is the grandmother of O. B. and RANDALL THRONEBERRY. She indicated that she had been informed that these boys were fugitive by Mrs. FRANK THRONEBERRY, her daughter-in-law. This information was received by letter approximately three weeks ago and in this letter, Mrs. THRONEBERRY enclosed several press clippings describing the exploits of these boys. She stated that she has not heard from them nor have they visited at her home since May 1943 at which time they stayed for a few days, along with their mother and father. Upon leaving Columbia, she stated that they had gone to the northern part of Tennessee to pick strawberries and then had returned to Fort Worth, Texas with their mother and father. Mrs. LEMAY indicated that RANDALL THRONEBERRY is married to REBA HURT, who lives at Fort Worth, Texas, address unknown. By the marriage between RANDALL and REBA HURT there were two children and she believes that REBA HURT will go to live with FRANK THRONEBERRY in the near future. Mrs. LEMAY stated that O. B. THRONEBERRY was presently married to a girl by the name of ANNIE, last name unknown, who was presently living at Cleburne, Texas. About one and one-half to two weeks ago she stated she wrote to FRANK THRONEBERRY at Fort Worth, Texas, inquiring as to the details of the crime they had committed and mentioned that now that the boys were fugitives, it was quite possible that their wives would go to live with FRANK THRONEBERRY at Fort Worth.

She indicated that FRANK THRONEBERRY has another son, JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY, the youngest boy, who is married to FRANCES TATE, who formerly lived at Centerville, Tennessee. Mrs. LEMAY stated that she last saw REBA THRONEBERRY, the wife of RANDALL, several years ago when REBA AND RANDALL

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were first married and when they paid a visit to her home.

LESTER HARDISON, Assistant Postmaster, Columbia, Tennessee, was contacted by the writer and a 30-day mail cover was placed on the mail of Mrs. MARTHA LEMAY, 815 Beckett Street, and on the name of LEON THRONEBERRY, 910 Webster Street, ED THRONEBERRY, 1315½ South Main Street, and ROY THRONEBERRY South Main Street.

CHARLIE RAYBURN, mail carrier, Columbia, Tennessee, stated that he delivers the mail to LEON THRONEBERRY and to Mrs. MARTHA LEMAY and stated that he has not noticed any letters being received by Mrs. LEMAY or LEON THRONEBERRY, from any point outside of Tennessee, nor has any mail been sent from either of these homes. He further stated that Mrs. LEMAY does not have any girl answering the description of REBA THRONEBERRY residing with her, in fact, the only individual residing with her is her daughter, Mrs. GRIGGS.

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Report of Special Agent JAMES L. McGOVERN
dated 11-19-43 at Memphis, Tennessee

O. B. THRONEBERRY, WAS, ET AL
FUGITIVES. IMPERSONATION,
NMVTA; UFAP

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THE MEMPHIS FIELD DIVISION

At Columbia, Tennessee, will report the results of the
mail cover.

At Centerville, Tennessee, will contact the Sheriff to ascertain
the identify of FRANCES TATE and her family, it being noted that FRANCES TATE
is the wife of JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY, the younger brother of O. B. and
RANDALL THRONEBERRY.

Will interview them to ascertain information as to the where-
abouts of O. B. and RANDALL, and will place a stop notice with the Sheriff's
Office and the Chief of Police at Centerville, Tennessee.

At Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, will contact ELMER LEMAY,
uncle of the subjects', who operates a produce business at Lawrenceburg,
for information as to the background and habits of the subjects.

Will place a stop notice with the Sheriff's Office and
Chief of Police at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm
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FBI DALLAS 11-2-43 3-35 PM RP

DIRECTOR

TRAIL. O. B. THRONEBERRY WAS, RANDEL THRONEBERRY WAS, FUGITIVES.

IMPERSONATION NMVTA HEAP MURDER. CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS. ONE PLANT COVERING HOME OF SUBJECTS PARENTS NEAR FORT WORTH TEXAS AND ANOTHER ~~REDACTED~~ COVERING HOME OF O. B. THRONEBERRYS FATHER IN LAW NEAR CLEBURNE TEXAS UNPRODUCTIVE TO DATE. ~~REDACTED~~ YESTERDAY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT ADVISED FATHER OF SUBJECTS HAD ~~REDACTED~~ RECEIVED LETTER FROM SUBJECTS GRANDMOTHER MRS. M. A. LEMAY, EIGHT FIFTEEN BECKETT STREET, COLUMBIA TENNESSEE IN WHICH IT WAS INDICATED FATHER OF SUBJECTS HAD SEEN BOTH SUBJECTS RECENTLY. LETTER ALSO STATED ONE REBA, BELIEVED TO BE REBA THRONEBERRY, IS PRESENTLY WITH GRANDMOTHER. MEMPHIS ADVISED BY AMSD FIRST ~~REDACTED~~ INSTANT. LETTER ADDRESSED FBI FORT WORTH RECEIVED TODAY FROM AND NOW JH
CONFINED TEXAS PENITENTIARY, HUNTSVILLE, STATING IF AGENTS WOULD CONTACT HIM HE WOULD FURNISH LOCATION OF SUBJECTS. HOUSTON TELEPHONICALLY REQUESTED TO INTERVIEW HIM.

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IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO
FILE NO. 47-1611

Nov. 2, 1945

Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D. C.

Attention Identification Division

Re: EDWARD CORBIN HURT
Bureau File # 47-29732 0
#FBI 1913324
Registry #

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the wanted notice submitted by this office on Aug. 2, 1944, relative to the above captioned subject who is identical (X); who may be identical (); or is not identical (), with the #FBI or Registry number quoted above.

Kindly remove the wanted notice inasmuch as this subject's case has been disposed of in the following manner: RANDELL ODELL THRONEBERRY has been located.

Located

Apprehended

Complied with the STSA

Very truly yours,

Percy Wily II
PERCY WILY II
Special Agent in Charge

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accompanied by his brother RANDEL THRONE-
BERRY apprehended SO Rawlins, Wyoming,
in possession of 4 rifles, 3 shot-guns,
1 with barrel sawed off. USA Houston
desires return of O. B. THRONEBERRY to
Houston for prosecution. Certified copy
of complaint and return forwarded USA
Cheyenne, Wyoming, 8/17/43; bond \$1500
returnable Houston instant. SO Houston
unable to return O. B. due to lack of
funds. SO Fort Worth and Abilene with-
holding extradition pending outcome of
federal removal to Houston.

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REFERENCES:

Letters, Houston to Bureau dated 8/5/43,
8/9/43; Teletypes, Houston to Denver,
8/12/43, 8/14/43; 8/16/43; Denver to
Houston, 8/12/43, 8/13/43, 8/16/43;
Houston to Little Rock, 8/14/43; Little
Rock to Denver and Houston, 8/16/43;
Houston to Dallas, 8/17/43; Dallas to
Houston and Denver 8/17/43.

DETAILS:

On July 31, 1943, at Houston, Texas, Assistant United States
Attorney WILLIAM R. ECKHARDT

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On June 24, 1943, an article appeared in the Houston Chronicle outlining the arrests of JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY and JOHN D. HENDERSON who were charged by the Harris County Sheriff's Office on three counts of robbery by assault. HENDERSON and JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY were arrested June 14, 1943, by deputies of the Harris County Sheriff's Office, and it was alleged that during the robbery of a [redacted] the men had represented themselves to be OPA inspectors. On June 29, 1943, the writer contacted ANGUS MORRISON, Chief Deputy, Harris County Sheriff's Office, who advised that the subjects JOHN D. HENDERSON and JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY had committed several robberies by assault on or about June 9, 1943, in Harris County and that the subjects had been charged with three counts of robbery by assault. In addition, four felony warrants charging robbery by assault are outstanding against the subject O. B. THRONEBERRY, a brother of JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY.

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Deputy Sheriff MORRISON further advised that at the time of the arrest of JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY and HENDERSON, they also arrested one OLIN WILLIAMS who has been released to the Fort Worth, Texas, Police Department on complaints charging robbery by assault there. It has subsequently been determined that WILLIAMS was also involved in the robberies in Harris County, and the Sheriff's Office intends to return him following prosecution at Fort Worth.

On June 30, 1943, [redacted] was interviewed, and she advised that on June 9, 1943, she and her boy friend, [redacted] were parked just off the LaPorte Highway on Red Bluff Road, Harris County. At about 11:00 P.M., a car containing three men drove up beside their car, and the driver got out and displayed a silver colored badge which was pinned to his shirt. According to [redacted] this man said, "I want to see your gas books; I'm an OPA inspector." [redacted] got out of his car, challenged the man's authority, and finally a fight started between [redacted] and subject, reported to be O. B. THRONEBERRY. Subject JOHN D. HENDERSON entered the fight, at which time [redacted] was rather severely beaten. At this point, [redacted] relates that she got out of the car to assist [redacted] and she was grabbed by the subject she has identified as JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY. During the struggle, her wrist watch was torn from her wrist and was later found in the possession of JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY by the Harris County Sheriff's Office. At this point, the three men observed another car approaching, immediately got into their car which was described as a black 1935 or 1936 Ford sedan, and left.

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On information later developed, JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY and JOHN D. HENDERSON were arrested on June 14, 1943, in Houston, by the Harris County Sheriff's Office and were charged with four counts of robbery by assault. At the preliminary hearing on these charges, [redacted] positively identified JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY as the one who had taken her wrist watch and JOHN D. HENDERSON

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as the man who had aided the third party in assaulting [REDACTED]

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On August 2, 1943, [REDACTED] was interviewed, and he related essentially the same details as outlined by [REDACTED]. He added, however, that the subject, reported to be O. B. THRONEBERRY, had done all of the talking, and he recalled that the subject had said, "I see you have an A and C sticker on your car. I want to look at your ration books. I am an OPA inspector." Subject also showed a silver colored badge at the time he spoke to [REDACTED].

On July 2, 1943, the facts of this case were discussed with Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM R. ECKHARDT, at which time he stated he [REDACTED]

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Subsequent to this conversation, it developed that O. B. THRONEBERRY had served two terms in state penitentiaries for robbery and auto theft and is presently wanted at Abilene, Texas, on a capias warrant No. 1454-B, issued February 13, 1943, charging the subject O. B. THRONEBERRY with bond jumping. THRONEBERRY had been indicted as an habitual criminal at Abilene and posted bond on the indictment and had failed to appear. In addition, O. B. THRONEBERRY is reportedly wanted at Fort Worth, Texas, for robbery by assault, according to the information supplied by deputy sheriff W. F. HAMILTON, Harris County, and at present, there are four warrants outstanding against O. B. THRONEBERRY in Harris County charging robbery by assault.

On the basis of this information; on July 31, 1943, Mr. ECKHARDT authorized a complaint charging the subject O. B. THRONEBERRY with unlawfully impersonating an official of the Office of Price Administration, a federal agency. Accordingly, on July 31, 1943, the writer appeared before U.S. Commissioner W. F. CAROTHERS and filed a complaint charging that on or about June 9, 1943, in Harris County, the subject O. B. THRONEBERRY did unlawfully represent himself to be an official of the Office of Price Administration, a federal agency, in violation of Section 76, Title 18, U.S.C.A. On the same date, M. F. HAMMOND, United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas, by T. C. SLOCUMB, Deputy, made a non est return on this warrant. A certified copy of the warrant and return was obtained to serve as an alias capias and copies of the complaint and capias are being retained in the Houston file.

Identification of subject O. B. THRONEBERRY is based on the fact that both [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are positive there were only three men in the car at the time of the assault. Two men have been identified as being JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY and JOHN D. HENDERSON. Statements by HENDERSON and JAMES PAUL HENDERSON revealed the other party to be the subject O. B. THRONEBERRY.

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The following persons have been contacted but were unable to supply pertinent information regarding the subject:

Mrs. CHARLEEN HOLLAND, alias Marsee,
1602 Rusk Street

Mrs. EDNA SMITH
1810 Rusk Street, Apartment 12

J. B. WHITAKER, ex-convict,
3034 $\frac{1}{2}$ Washington Street

O. O. GILMORE
3911 Coyle Street

G. B. LOGAN
3032 $\frac{1}{2}$ Washington Street

Mrs. ROSCOE L. PARKER,
3032 $\frac{1}{2}$ Washington Street

It is to be noted that all of the above persons have known the subject O. B. THRONEBERRY and that he might contact them should he return to Houston. The above have all been advised to notify the Houston Field Office should the subject appear.

The following persons were interviewed and supplied pertinent information regarding the subject:

On July 26, 1943, JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY was interviewed at the Harris County Jail. He advised that his father is FRANK M. THRONEBERRY and his mother ELIZABETH LIZZIE THRONEBERRY, maiden name BIANKESHIP. He advised that his father's family all live in or near Columbia, Tennessee, which he states is about fifty miles south of Nashville. He has three uncles named ED, ROY, and ELMER THRONEBERRY, and grandparents living there. ED THRONEBERRY is employed at the Oaks Chair Factory at Columbia. He further advised that on other occasions when O. B. has been a fugitive, he has gone to his relatives in Columbia and has worked on farms in the vicinity.

The mother's family all come from the vicinity of Cleburne, Texas, and there are several members of the BLANKESHIP family in the vicinity of Cleburne, Ennis, Palmer, and Waxahachie, whom O. B. might contact. His mother and father are reported to be living at 1121 East Ripy Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

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Special Employee Agent HENRY I. TAFF, who is acquainted with the family, advised that he saw the family living at an auto camp a few miles south of Fort Worth on the Mansfield Highway. Agent TAFF, knowing at that time that the Fort Worth Police Department wanted information on the family, advised the Detective Bureau of that city of his information. It is further reported that the THRONEBERRYS receive their mail at General Delivery, Fort Worth and are particularly uncooperative with law-enforcement officers.

A brother, RANDAL THRONEBERRY, age 28, is an ex-convict, having served a term at the Arkansas state penitentiary at Tucker, Arkansas. His present whereabouts is unknown, but he is reported to be reporting on parole at the state parole office at Little Rock, Arkansas. RANDAL has worked at Swift's Packing Company in Fort Worth. He is married to REBA HURT, having two children,

[redacted] Ac-
cording to JAMES PAUL, REBA's father ED HURT is wanted by state officers in Texas and Arkansas for cattle theft and might possibly be wanted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation for interstate transportation of stolen cattle. HURT is reportedly hiding in the vicinity of Coldwell, Arkansas. Additional information developed on RANDAL indicates that he may be working at Corpus Christi, Texas. The last person to see subject O. B. in Houston advised that O. B. intended to contact his brother in Corpus Christi.

On July 26, 1943, JOHN D. HENDERSON was interviewed at the Harris County Jail. He advised that he had no information on the whereabouts of O. B. but did advise the writer that O. B. was the person who had said, "I'm an OPA inspector", during their contact with [redacted] and [redacted]

It was later determined that O. B. is married to ANNIE LOU SCOTT whose home was at Cleburne, Texas. Her parents are WILLIE LACEY SCOTT and JANIE YARBROUGH SCOTT. ANNIE LOU was born in San Antonio, Texas, February 2, 1923, and she is described as having firey red hair worn in a long bob at shoulder length; eye color unknown; height 5'6", weight 160 pounds; husky build; high cheek bones and heavy thick lips. She is further described as being tough and she will protect her husband, the subject. The couple have one child, a boy about [redacted] Her parents reportedly reside at 317 South Front Street, Cleburne, Texas, and receive mail as JANIE SCOTT and WILLIE SCOTT. ANNIE LOU is presently thought to be travelling with the subject and their child. Further information obtained revealed that O. B. had been employed by the Standard Rice Company at Butler and SP tracks, Houston. Miss LOUISE LINGO was interviewed, and she advised that O. B. had been employed from about December 30, 1942, to March 31, 1943. On June 1, 1943, he had appeared in the office to obtain a release so that he might work at Myers Spalti Furniture Manufacturing Company in Houston.

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Mr. W. J. RUNNELL JR., of Myers Spalti was interviewed, and he advised that the subject and wife applied for work on June 1, and had worked five hours and left without notice. Mrs. THRONEBERRY returned on June 5, to pick up a small check. At this point, the subject advised that he was born in Guthrie, Oklahoma, April 4, 1915. His Selective Service classification was noted to be 4-F but information on the subject's board was not obtained. The subject also advised that he had worked as a farmer near Palmer in Ellis County, Texas. Persons listed as references were contacted with negative results.

Further interview with JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY on August 2, 1943, revealed that the fugitive had registered for Selective Service while serving time in the Missouri State Penitentiary at Jefferson City and had been advised on his release to report to the Selective Service Board covering his residence. JAMES PAUL advised that O. B. returned to Fort Worth for a short time after his release and then went to North Little Rock, Arkansas, where he reportedly registered with Board No. E. or F. in North Little Rock.

On July 28, 1943, [redacted] alias [redacted] was interviewed at the Modern Auto Courts, 1525 McCarty Street, Houston. [redacted] advised that she was born [redacted] and that her family now resided at [redacted]. She has had a number of dates with subject O. B. and claims to have seen him about July 15, 1943, when he tried to get her to accompany him to Galveston, Texas. When she refused, he mentioned that he intended going to Corpus Christi to contact his brother RANDAL. She further advised that O. B. carried a constable's badge over the sun visor on the right side of his car. She alleges that O. B. informed her that this badge was taken from a constable in Louisiana who had been slugged and robbed. Subject is also reported to carry a stolen necklace and watch in a match box in the glove compartment of his car. [redacted] is best described as a [redacted] but it is felt that her information is reliable.

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On July 30, 1943, the following record on the subject was obtained from the Houston Police Department: O. B. THRONEBERRY, alias OLIN BOND, OTIS BALL, same as Huntsville Penitentiary Number 84541 - Burglary. Record lists arrests in Cleburne, Fort Worth, Texarkana, Texas, and the most recent arrest in Dallas, Texas. Dispositions were not set out and consequently the record has not been copied here.

A fugitive form letter has been submitted to the Bureau. On August 5, 1943, requests for the criminal record of JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY and JOHN D. HENDERSON were sent to the Bureau.

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During the interview with [redacted] on August 2, 1943, he made the following statement which he refused to sign because of the fact that it would involve [redacted]. It should be noted that [redacted] has turned state's evidence and informant but his information has not been too reliable and must be checked for accuracy. It has further been necessary to place him [redacted]

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The statement is set out as follows:

"Houston, Texas
August 2, 1943

I, [redacted] make the following free and voluntary statement to CARROL T. NEVIN, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. No promises of immunity or reward have been made to me to obtain this statement and it has been given freely and voluntarily.

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On the night of June 9, 1943, I was out riding with [redacted] name is [redacted]. We had left Baytown about 12:30 AM and crossed the ferry and we were headed back toward Houston on the Spencer highway. There were [redacted] in the car [redacted]. When we were about three miles from Pasadena [redacted] and stopped next to a car parked off the highway. There were two people in the car. A boy and a girl. [redacted] jumped out of our car and said "I want to inspect your gas books." [redacted] At this time he was wearing a [redacted]. The boy in the car jumped out and said "You'r no [redacted] I've seen you before" and then a fight started between this boy and [redacted]

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Then we saw a car coming up the road from Pasadena and we jumped in our car and drove off.

[redacted] didn't get any gas ration books but I think that was what he was after.

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[redacted] was wearing a [redacted]
[redacted]

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I was wearing [REDACTED]

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I have read the above statement consisting of two pages and half of the third page and I have initialed each page. The statement is true and correct.

Witness. "

Although [REDACTED] refused to sign the statement, he made a verbal admission to the writer that it was true in every respect. From personal interview and observation, he is described as follows:

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Name
Born

Hair
Eyes
Height
Weight
Complexion
Marks

Selective Service

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] is the same as [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] a copy of which photograph is retained in the Houston file.

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The following is a description of [REDACTED] obtained through interview and observation.

Name
Born

[REDACTED]

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Height
Weight
Hair
Eyes
Build
Nationality



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[redacted] is same as [redacted]
[redacted] a copy of which photograph is retained in the Houston file.

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A copy of the photograph of [redacted] same as [redacted]
[redacted] is also being retained in the
Houston file.

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It has been determined that the subject is driving a [redacted]
[redacted] registered to [redacted]
[redacted] This car is reported to have been previously
registered in California, and information supplied from a confidential source of
the Harris County Sheriff's Office indicates that the fugitive hijacked this car
and probably forged the title papers to obtain the present title in his name. The
above information was supplied by Deputy Sheriff W.F. Hamilton, Harris County.
Subject [redacted] from criminal records and from inter-
view with [redacted] is described as follows:

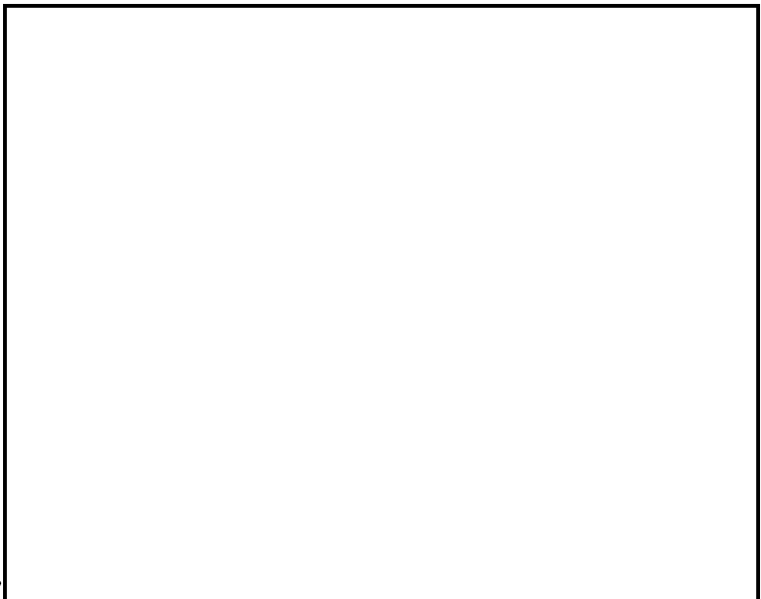
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Name

Age
Born

Hair
Eyes
Height
Weight
Build
Race
Nationality
Sex
Occupation
Marital status
Wife's name
Social Security No.



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Scars and marks



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Reportedly traveling with subject O. B. THRONEBERRY are his wife, ANNIE LOU, and [redacted] son. ANNIE LOU's Social Security number has been determined to be 464-34-5882.

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Subsequent to the dictation of this report, the writer was advised on August 12, 1943, that on August 11, 1943, JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY pled guilty to four indictments of robbery by assault and was sentenced by District Judge LANGSTON G. KING to five years on each of the four counts, three sentences to run concurrently making a total sentence of ten years. This information was supplied by the clerk of the District Court, Harris County, Houston, Texas.

On August 12, 1943, Deputy Sheriff WILLIAM F. HAMILTON, Harris County, advised the writer that he had been informed by the Sheriff's Office at Abilene that the fugitive had been arrested at Rawlins, Wyoming, and was in custody of Sheriff GLENN PENLAND there.

By reference teletype dated August 12, 1943, Houston to Denver, the background of instant case was supplied and Denver was requested to verify the arrest. By reference teletype dated August 12, 1943, Denver to Houston, this office was advised that O. B. THRONEBERRY and his alleged brother RANDEL THRONEBERRY had been arrested at Saratoga, Wyoming on August 10, 1943, by the Sheriff's Office and Wyoming Highway Patrol on information that the two contemplated robbing a gambling establishment at Rawlins, Wyoming. Both individuals had refused to respond to questioning, and both had refused to wave extradition to Texas. The Sheriff's Office, Abilene, has requested a hold be placed against O. B. for his office and that he would extradite. The teletype further advised that O. B. and RANDEL were driving a 1938 Ford Coupe Motor Number 18-1477723, 1943 Colorado license 8-6540. At the time of arrest, officers recovered one 30-30 rifle, one 32-40 rifle, two .22 caliber rifles, one .410 shot gun, one 12-gauge shot gun, and one 16-gauge shot gun, the barrel of which was recently sawed off by subject. It further advised that O. B. was possibly wanted by Denver Police for rape although identification had not yet been established. The Sheriff's Office also recovered an A gas ration book for a 1935 Ford issued at Houston, Texas; an A book issued for a 1938 Ford coupe; and a B book with two coupons from a ration board at Rawlins, Wyoming. Also in subject's possession was a constable's badge with the words "Deputy Constable", two 1942 California license plates

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number 17-A-328 and 1942 Texas plates number 749-738, with metal tag number TA-4820, and a pair of field glasses which appeared to be new. Papers in the car indicated that the former owner of the 1935 Ford was possibly Lieutenant DUWOOD S. GREEN, 209 B Street, Taft, California, or United States Air Corps, Mather Field, California. It is noted that the 1942 Texas plates were those used by THRONEBERRY on the 1935 Ford while he was in Houston.

By reference teletype dated August 13, 1943, Denver to Houston, this office was advised that the title papers on the car in possession of the subject were apparently in order. Thorough investigation revealed that O. B. purchased a 1935 Ford tudor sedan from Lieutenant GREEN, Taft, California, later obtaining Texas title No. 1275646 and 1942 Texas license No. 749-738, 1943 tag No. DA-4820. On August 5, 1943, at Standard Auto Company, Denver, O. B. traded the 1935 Ford for the 1938 Ford coupe, motor No. 18-4477723 and obtained Colorado license 8-6540.

By reference teletype dated August 14, 1943, Houston to Little Rock, Little Rock was advised of the facts of the case and requested to contact the state parole officers to determine if state authorities desired to return RANDEL.

By reference teletype dated August 14, 1943, Houston to Denver, this office advised that the Sheriff's Office, Houston, was attempting to return O. B. for prosecution on four counts of robbery by assault, and the United States Attorney in Houston requested a hold on O. B. pending determination of which agency would return him to Texas. Denver was also requested to obtain a description of the guns and how they came into the possession of the subject. Assistant United States Attorney WILLIAM R. ECKHARDT requested the hold.

Reference teletype dated August 16, 1943, Little Rock to Denver and Houston, advised that the state parole office at Arkansas had no hold on O. B. or RANDEL.

Reference teletype dated August 16, 1943, Houston to Denver, advised that the United States Attorney in Houston was forwarding to the United States Attorney at Cheyenne a certified copy of the complaint charging O. B. with illegally representing an officer of the Office of Price Administration, and the bail suggested by the United States Attorney at Houston was \$1500.00, returnable at Houston instantler. It had been determined at this time that the Sheriff's Office of Harris County could not extradite due to a lack of funds. The United States Attorney at Houston requested the filing of a fugitive complaint at Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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Reference teletype dated August 16, 1943, Denver to Houston, advised that the Sheriff's Office at Abilene intended to extradite O. B. and that the Sheriff's Office at Fort Worth had also indicated their desire to extradite O. B.

By reference teletype dated August 17, Houston to Dallas, this office requested the Dallas Division to determine whether or not the Sheriffs' Offices at Fort Worth and Abilene actually intended to extradite the subject.

By reference teletype dated August 17, 1943, Dallas to Houston and Denver, this office was advised that the Sheriffs' Offices at Abilene and Fort Worth would make no further attempt to extradite O. B. pending the outcome of federal removal proceedings.

On August 18, 1943, during the dictation of this report, a teletype addressed to Houston and Dallas from Denver, advised that subject O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY had been released by the Sheriff's Office, Rawlins, Wyoming, August 17, 1943, to the Sheriff's Office, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to face state prosecution on a murder charge. The Sheriff's Office at Houston has been advised of this development.

On August 19, 1943, United States Attorney WILLIAM R. ECKHARDT was apprised of subject's release to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and he requested that the Denver Field Office arrange for the placing of a federal detainer against the subject O. B. THRONEBERRY.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

DALLAS OFFICE:

AT ABILENE, TEXAS:

Will contact the Sheriff's Office and obtain full particulars of subject's past record and status in that district.

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

Will contact the Sheriff's Office and obtain full particulars regarding the subject's activities and present status in that district.

DENVER OFFICE:

AT STEAMBOAT SPRINGS, COLORADO:

Will interview the subject in an attempt to obtain a statement of his connection with instant case.

Will determine, if possible, the manner in which the subject came into possession of the fire arms, constable's badge, surplus ration books, and field glasses found in his car at the time of arrest.

Will hold all surplus ration books and constable badge to be submitted to the Houston Office as evidence.

Will determine from the subject his Selective Service status and notify appropriate offices for verification if subject is not registered at Local Draft Board E or F at North Little Rock.

Will follow state murder prosecution and report action taken.

Will arrange for the placing of a federal detainer against the subject as requested by the United States Attorney at Houston.

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LOS ANGELES OFFICE:

AT TAFT, CALIFORNIA:

Will attempt to locate and interview Lieutenant DURWOOD S. GREEN, United States Army Air Corps, 209 B Street, and determine if he sold a 1935 Ford sedan to subject O. B. THRONEBERRY, and will obtain full particulars of the sale.

It is noted that the details of instant report reflect that subject O. B. THRONEBERRY obtained this car by slugging and hijacking a soldier although he did possess papers indicating legal possession.

LITTLE ROCK OFFICE:

AT NORTH LITTLE ROCK:

Will determine if the subject O. B. THRONEBERRY is properly registered for Selective Service at Local Draft Board E or F.

NEW ORLEANS OFFICE:

AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA:

Will contact proper officials of the Louisiana State Police for any information tending to verify the statement made by [REDACTED] in instant report that the subject O. B. THRONEBERRY obtained a constable's badge by slugging and robbing a constable in Louisiana.

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SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE:

AT MATHER FIELD, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA:

Will attempt to locate and interview Lieutenant DURWOOD S. GREEN, United States Army Air Corps, and determine if he sold a 1935 Ford sedan to the subject O. B. THRONEBERRY, and will obtain full particulars on this sale.

Will note lead set out for Los Angeles.

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HOUSTON OFFICE:

AT HUNTSVILLE STATE PRISON:

Will interview [REDACTED] in an attempt to obtain a signed statement from him regarding the incidents set out in instant report. It is felt that he may desire to make a statement now following the [REDACTED]

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AT HOUSTON, TEXAS:

Will interview [REDACTED] in custody Harris County Jail in an attempt to obtain a signed statement regarding incidents set out in instant report..

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **HOUSTON, TEXAS**

FILE NO. **47-710**

REPORT MADE AT DENVER, COLORADO	DATE WHEN MADE 9/2/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 8/12,13,14,16, 17,18/43	REPORT MADE BY LLOYD W. GRAVING (A)	AB
TITLE O. B. THRONEBERRY, was, Olin Bond, Otis Ball, - FUGITIVE; JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY; JOHN D. HENDERSON			CHARACTER OF CASE IMPERSONATION	
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</p> <p>O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY taken into custody Saratoga, Wyoming, 8/10/43 by SO after planning stickup at Rawlins, Wyoming. Eight guns of various descriptions found in subject's possession. Authorized complaint filed Houston, Texas, 7/31/43 charging O. B. THRONEBERRY falsely representing himself as OPA Inspector on 6/9/43 near Houston in effort to obtain additional gas ration books. Warrant nonested same date. O. B. THRONEBERRY also wanted by SOs Houston, Fort Worth and Abilene, Texas. O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY released 8/17/43 by SO Rawlins, Wyoming, to SO Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to face murder charge.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>On August 12, 1943, a teletype was received from the Houston Field Division advising that O. B. THRONEBERRY accompanied by JAMES THRONEBERRY and HENDERSON had unlawfully represented himself as being an OPA Inspector to a young couple parked in an automobile near Houston, Texas, on June 9, 1943; the purpose of the representation allegedly being to obtain additional gas ration books. It was revealed that JAMES THRONEBERRY and HENDERSON are presently in custody by the Sheriff's Office at Houston, Texas, on charges of robbery and assault. JAMES THRONEBERRY had been sentenced on August 11, 1943, to ten years in the State Penitentiary of Texas. The United States Attorney at Houston, according to the teletype.</p>				
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>Borden A. [Signature]</i>		DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES		
<p>COPIES DESTROYED</p> <p>COPIES OF THIS REPORT</p> <p>874 SEP 23 1968</p> <p>3 - Bureau</p> <p>3 - Houston (1-USA, Houston)</p> <p>2 - Dallas</p> <p>1 - USA, Cheyenne</p> <p>1 - USA, Denver</p> <p>2 - Denver</p>		<p>29 SEP 7 1943</p>		

[REDACTED] A warrant had been returned nonest and alias warrant had been issued on the same date. It was disclosed further that O. B. THRONEBERRY was also wanted by the Sheriff's Office at Houston, Texas, on four counts of robbery by assault, and at Abilene, Texas, for bond jumping. All are state violations.

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Information had been received by the Sheriff's Office at Houston which indicated that O. B. THRONEBERRY was in custody of Sheriff GLEN PENLAND, Rawlins, Wyoming. The Denver Field Division was requested to verify this information immediately and to advise the Houston Office of the charges on which THRONEBERRY was being held as well as to advise of the disposition intended by state authorities. Houston suggested that any surplus gasoline rationing books, Deputy Sheriff or Constable badges in 1935 Ford Sedan bearing 1942 Texas license 749-738 or unknown California plates, or any jewelry found in the car be held as evidence.

Mr. GLEN PENLAND, Sheriff, Rawlins, Wyoming, advised on August 12, 1943, that O. B. THRONEBERRY and his alleged brother, RANDEL THRONEBERRY had been arrested at Saratoga, Wyoming, on August 10, 1943, by Under-Sheriff FRANK LEMOINE and NEAL BOYD, Wyoming Highway patrolman. The arrest had been made upon information furnished by two boys from [REDACTED] to the effect that O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY were contemplating a robbery of the Silver Spur, a gambling establishment at Rawlins, Wyoming. Both individuals had refused to respond to questioning after having been taken into custody and they also refused to waive extradition to Texas.

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The Sheriff at Abilene, Texas, had requested that O. B. THRONEBERRY be held for his office and stated he would extradite. The subject and his brother had been driving a 1938 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 18-4477723, Colorado 1943 license number 8-6540. License plates for that automobile had been obtained by them at Grand Junction, Colorado. Sheriff PENLAND expressed the opinion that the 1938 Ford Coupe had been obtained as a result of a trade with the Capital Chevrolet Company possibly located at Denver, Colorado. The papers in the possession of the subject had indicated payment of some \$300 and credit of \$150 on a 1935 Ford.

O. B. THRONEBERRY and his brother had arrived at Rawlins, Wyoming, on August 9, 1943, and had obtained employment at Saratoga through a County Agricultural Agent. The subject had been accompanied by his alleged wife.

At the time of the arrest, officers recovered one 30.30 rifle which the subjects had given to Sheriff PENLAND, one 32.40 rifle, 2 22 rifles, one 4.10 gauge shotgun, one 12 gauge shotgun, one 16 gauge shotgun, the barrel of which was recently sawed off by the subject. Sheriff PENLAND further advised that O. B. THRONEBERRY is possibly wanted by the Denver Police Department for rape, although his identification had not yet been established.

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Also recovered by the Sheriff's Office at the time of the apprehension, was an A gasoline book for a 1935 Ford, issued at Houston, Texas, and an A book for a 1938 Ford coupe. The subject had also obtained an A book with two coupons from the War Ration Board at Rawlins, Wyoming. No other gasoline books were recovered. Also in the subject's possession was a Constable badge bearing the words, "Deputy Constable." Two 1942 California license plates No. 17-A-328 and 1942 Texas license plates No. 749-738 with a metal tag bearing the inscription "DA 4820 1943" had been found in the subject's possession. No jewelry had been recovered, but the Sheriff had found a pair of field glasses in the subject's possession which were apparently new.

Among the papers found in the 1935 Ford were documents which indicated its former owner to be possibly Lieutenant DURLWOOD S. GREEN, 209 B Street, Taft, California, or United States Air Corps, Mather Field, California.

The 1938 Ford Coupe was believed to have formerly been owned by Mr. J. E. HARPER, Franktown, Colorado, inasmuch as a tire inspection certificate had showed him as the owner. The car was also equipped with very good tires, and Sheriff PENLAND also expressed the thought that they may have been stolen. The Sheriff's Office at Rawlins, Wyoming, advised that the Sheriff at Abilene, Texas, had been told that O. B. THRONEBERRY would be released for prosecution, in Texas, but that the subject had refused to waive extradition.

The above information obtained from Sheriff PENLAND was forwarded to the Houston Field Office by teletype on August 12, 1943, together with the request that the Sheriff's Offices at Houston and Abilene, Texas, be contacted to ascertain if it were satisfactory for the Sheriff's Office at Rawlins, Wyoming to release O. B. THRONEBERRY for federal prosecution.

Investigation at the State Automobile Title Bureau, Denver, Colorado, on August 13, 1943, revealed that O. B. THRONEBERRY had purchased a 1935 Ford Tudor Sedan from Lieutenant DURLWOOD S. GREEN, Taft, California, later obtaining Texas title number 1275646 and 1942 Texas license plates 749-738, with metal tag bearing the inscription "DA 4820." On August 5, 1943, at the Standard Auto Company, Denver, Colorado, O. B. THRONEBERRY had traded the 1935 Ford for a 1938 Ford Coupe, Motor No. 18-4477723 and had obtained Colorado license plates 8-6540 at Grand Junction, Colorado. All titled papers had been in order in both of these transactions, according to Mrs. Y. TERASAKI of the State Automobile Title Bureau.

The 1935 Ford is presently owned by one ORRIS E. SAUNDERS at Denver, Colorado. This information was forwarded to the Houston Field Office by teletype dated August 13, 1943.

On August 14, 1943, the Houston Field Division advised by teletype that RANDEL THRONEBERRY had been determined to be identical with Texas State Penitentiary No. 78143, where he had been incarcerated upon conviction of

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robbery by firearms, Hill County, Texas, January 7, 1935, receiving a sentence of five years. The thought was expressed that possibly RANDEL THRONBERRY might be on parole from the Arkansas State Penitentiary. The Little Rock Field Office had been requested to advise regarding the parole violation, and the Denver Field Office was requested to consider federal or national firearms act or Selective Service prosecution against RANDEL THRONBERRY.

The Houston Field Division advised that the United States Attorney at Houston [redacted]

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[redacted] Denver, in the meantime, was requested to furnish Houston with a description of the guns and an explanation as to how they came into the possession of the subject.

On August 16, 1943, the Little Rock Field Division advised that the parole office of Arkansas has no hold for any subjects mentioned in the teletype from the Houston Field Division dated August 14, 1943. On the same date, the Houston Field Division advised again by teletype that the United States Attorney at Houston was forwarding certified copies of the complaint charging O. B. THRONBERRY with impersonation to the United States Attorney at Cheyenne, Wyoming. It was requested that a fugitive Complaint be filed; that bond be set at \$1500 returnable Houston immediately. It was disclosed further that the Sheriff's Office at Houston, Texas, was unable to remove the subject because of lack of funds.

The Denver Field Division directed a teletype to the Little Rock Field Division on August 16, 1943, advising that RANDEL THRONBERRY was registered with Local Board B, Little Rock, Arkansas, Order No. 1218. A classification card in possession of RANDEL THRONBERRY indicated he was classified 3-A. The Little Rock Field Division was requested to verify subject's registration and to ascertain his Selective Service status.

A reply to the teletype was received from the Little Rock Field Division on August 17, 1943, advising that RANDEL THRONBERRY was classified 3-A and not delinquent. The United States Attorney at Little Rock had [redacted]

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Sheriff PENLAND advised that he had received a request from the Sheriff's Office at Abilene, Texas, to hold O. B. THRONBERRY for the Sheriff's Office at Abilene, who would extradite. PENLAND stated that the Sheriff's Office at Fort Worth, Texas, had also indicated that they would extradite the subject as they were holding a felony warrant for robbery. The Denver Field Division requested Houston to recontact the United States Attorney regarding [redacted]

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On August 17, 1943, the Dallas Field Office replied to the teletype, sent by the Denver Field Office to Little Rock and Dallas, by teletype that Abilene and Fort Worth, Texas, would not make further attempt to extradite O. B. THRONEBERRY in view of the intended removal proceedings pending from Houston, Texas.

On August 18, 1943, United States Attorney CARL L. SACKETT, Cheyenne, Wyoming, [REDACTED] Sheriff GLEN PENLAND later advised telephonically that O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY had been released to the Sheriff's Office at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to face prosecution for murder. When this information was obtained from Sheriff PENLAND, it was transmitted to the United States Attorney, CARL L. SACKETT, with the [REDACTED]

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United States Attorney THOMAS J. MORRISSEY at Denver advised that [REDACTED]

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Sheriff ERNEST TODD of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, advised telephonically on August 18, 1943, that he had obtained custody of O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY on August 17, 1943, from the Sheriff's Office at Rawlins, Wyoming, and was returning the subjects to Steamboat Springs, Colorado, to face charges for murder. Sheriff TODD advised that one ETHELBERT PURDY had been found dead in his sheep wagon at his camp fourteen miles south of Hayden, Colorado, on August 11, 1943. An old style range land "wolf gun" and a 22 caliber rifle had been missing from PURDY's premises. These two guns had both been found in the possession of O. B. and RANDEL THRONEBERRY when they were taken into custody at Rawlins, Wyoming. Sheriff TODD advised, therefore, that the subjects would not be released for federal prosecution until after they had faced charges for murder of ETHELBERT PURDY.

A description of O. B. THRONEBERRY as furnished by the Houston Field Division is as follows:

Born:	Guthrie, Oklahoma
Date of Birth:	April 4, 1915
Height:	5' 9"
Weight:	150
Build:	Medium
Hair:	Navy chestnut
Eyes:	Brown
Scars and Marks:	Tattoos of T, Dagger, "M. L.", "Love," "Mother and Dad," "O.B.," Heart and nude woman on arms

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O. B. THRONEBERRY is identical with Huntsville, Texas State Penitentiary No. 84541.

The description of RANDOL THRONEBERRY, as furnished by Sheriff TODD, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, is as follows:

Age:	26
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	150
Race:	White
Hair:	Brown
Eyes:	Blue
Complexion:	Medium

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THE DALLAS FIELD DIVISION

AT FORT WORTH, TEXAS

Will advise the Sheriff's Office of the fact that O. B. and
RANDEL THRONEBERRY are facing charges for murder at Steamboat
Springs, Colorado.

AT ABILENE, TEXAS

Will advise the Sheriff's Office of the fact that O. B. and
RANDEL THRONEBERRY are facing charges for murder at Steamboat
Springs, Colorado.

THE DENVER FIELD DIVISION

AT DENVER, COLORADO

Will report the results of state prosecution.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

HOUSTON, TEXAS

FILE NO. 47-1611

REPORT MADE AT <p style="text-align: center;">Dallas, Texas</p>	DATE WHEN MADE <p style="text-align: center;">9-18-43</p>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <p style="text-align: center;">8-30-43 9-11-43</p>	REPORT MADE BY <p style="text-align: center;">EDWIN M. BLUMENTHAL</p>
TITLE <p style="text-align: center;">O. B. THRONEBERRY, was., FUGITIVE: ET AL</p>			CHARACTER OF CASE <p style="text-align: center;">IMPERSONATION</p>

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject indicted 104th District of Texas, Abilene, 12-4-42 for felony theft of \$75.00 and as habitual criminal. Released on bond same day. Jumped bond. Petition for extradition from Wyoming filed with Governor of Texas, 8-16-43. Indictment pending. Extradition will not be placed if subject is substantially sentenced in Colorado for crime of murder to which he confessed. O. B. THRONEBERRY is charged at Ft. Worth, Texas with robbery of JIMMIE BATES at Ft. Worth and further action is being withheld pending outcome of murder charges in Colorado.

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Reference:

Report of Special Agent CARROL THORNTON NEVIN dated 8-19-43 at Houston, Texas.

Report of Special Agent LLOYD W. GRAVING (A) dated 9-2-43 at Denver, Colorado.

Details:

AT ABILENE, TEXAS:

Sheriff W. T. McQUARY, Court House, provided the agent with the Sheriff's file on the subject THRONEBERRY. A copy of the indictment of subject in the 104th District Court of Texas reflected that the subject was indicted December 4, 1942 for felony theft of \$75.00 and for being a habitual criminal. This indictment is entered under number 1454-B. The indictment recited the subject was convicted on December 15, 1936 in the District Court of

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <p style="text-align: center;">SEP 23 1943</p>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em;">47-1611-9</p>	
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Ellis County, Texas, cause number 8190, of burglary and was convicted of burglary on January 4, 1940 in the District Court of St. Clair County, Missouri, cause number 562. McQUARY advised that the subject was released on bond when apprehended December 4, 1942 and was released to appear for trial at a later date. However, the subject failed to appear for trial and could not be found. Subject was later arrested in Rawlins, Wyoming and McQUARY advised the District Attorney then filed a petition for extradition with the Honorable CORK R. STEVENSON, Governor of Texas, requesting the subject be extradited to answer for his offense at Abilene in the 104th District Court. This petition was dated August 16, 1943.

Subsequently, McQUARY said he received a letter dated August 25, 1943 from FRANK L. LEMOINE, Undersheriff of Carbon County, Rawlins, Wyoming, in which letter was enclosed a newspaper clipping. This clipping set forth that the subject and his brother RANDEL had confessed to the murder of a sheepherder BERT FRIDDY and confession was made to Sheriff E. D. TODD, Steamboat Springs, Routt County, Colorado where the offense was committed. LEMOINE stated in his letter that he would notify McQUARY "if anything happened to prevent justice taking its course in Colorado." It is to be noted that this clipping also stated Mrs. THRONEBERRY had been arrested at Rawlins, Wyoming and would likely be turned over the authorities of Routt County, Colorado. McQUARY advised that if the subject received a substantial sentence for the murder charge, the extradition proceedings would not be pressed. ROY SKAGGS, District Clerk of the Court of the 104th District advised that the indictment of subject was still pending.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent SIDNEY M. WOLF at Fort Worth, Texas:

Deputy G. D. BOSCH, Fort Worth, advised that complaint was filed in Justice of the Peace GUS BROWN' Court, Case #17996, June 17, 1943 against O. B. THRONEBERRY for robbery of JIMMY BATES, 2225 East Lancaster. Also involved with THRONEBERRY are OLEN L. WILLIAMS and JOHN D. ANDERSON against whom indictments were returned in Fort Worth, July 30, 1943.

Grand Jury action against THRONEBERRY is being held in abeyance pending action that is taken against THRONEBERRY at Steamboat Springs, Colorado in connection with the murder charge. Mr. BOSCH said that their office had placed a hold on THRONEBERRY with the Wyoming local authorities and were advised that this hold would follow THRONEBERRY to Colorado. BOSCH stated that both the Sheriff's Office at Abilene, Texas and Fort Worth, Texas are fully informed as to the present whereabouts of O. B. THRONEBERRY and the fact that he is to be tried at Steamboat Springs, Colorado for murder.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN

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CONFERENCE TO DIRECTOR AND SACS HOUSTON, DALLAS AND LITTLE ROCK.

~~CONF~~ PUMP. O.B. THRONEBERRY, WAS, IMPERSONATION. RETEL NINTH

INSTANT. SHERIFF EARNEST TODD ADVISED TODAY THAT AUTOMOBILE BEARING
COLORADO LICENSE 28-6 TWENTYEIGHT DASH SIX LAST SEEN BY FARMER NEAR
TRINIDAD, COLORADO. SHERIFF BELIEVES O. B. AND RANDEL THRONEBERRY
ARE HEADED FOR TEXAS OR ARKANSAS AND THAT CAR MAY HAVE BEN TRANSPORTED
INTERSTATE. HE ALSO SUGGESTS THAT SUBJECTS MAY BE HEADED FOR MEXICO.
THRONEBERRY, S ~~MOTHER~~ MOTHER ~~RESIDES~~ RESIDES ONE ONE SEVEN EAST
FRONT STREET CLEBURNE, TEXAS AND RANDEL THRONEBERRY, S WIFE RESIDES
COAL HILL, ARKANSAS CARE OF C. H. DAVENPORT. SUGGEST LOCAL AUTHOITIES
BE NOTIFIED. NO FEDERAL PROCESS OUTSTANDING HERE. BOTH SUBJECTS ARE
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ULNA. O. B. ⁰THRONEBERRY, WAS FUGITIVE, IMPERSONATION. AFTER TWO PREVIOUS UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS, O. B. AND RANDAL¹ THRONEBERRY ESCAPED COUNTY JAIL, STEAMBO⁰T SPRINGS COLORADO THREE FIFTEEN P M EIGHTH INSTANT. SHERIFF EARNEST TODD ASSAULTED AND OVER POWERED WHEN BRINGING STATIONERY TO SUBJECT IN CELL. SHERIFF STATES PRISONERS ARMED WITH SMALL CALIBRE AUTOMATIC PISTOL WHEN HE ENTERED CELL. SHERIFF ROBBED OF BILLFOLD, CREDENTIALS AND C GAS BOOK. PRISONERS FLED IN SHERIFFS AUTO, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS , NINETEEN FORTY TWO MAROON¹ PONTIAC, TUDOR SIX CYLINDER, LICENSE COLORADO TWENTY EIGHT DASH SIX, MOTOR NUMBER P SIX K A TWO ONE NAUGHT FIVE FIVE, EQUIPPED WITH TWO FOG LIGHTS AND EMERGENCY LIGHT ON FRONT BUMPER. AUTO ALSO CONTAINED TWENTY TWO ~~CZXX~~ CALIBRE PISTOL, COLT FORTY FIVE CALIBRE REVOLVER, AND AT LEAST ONE BOX AMMUNITION . BOTH MEN DRESSED IN KHAKI SHIRTS AND TROUSERS, WEARING COWBOY BOOTS. INASMUCH AS COMPLAINT AGAINST O. B9 DISMISSED AUGUST TWENTY FOURTH LAST AT HOUSTON TEXAS NO ACTION CONTEMPLATED DENVER OFFICE UNLESS REQUESTED OR UNTIL VIOLATION NMVTA.

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PUMP. O. B. THRONEBERRY, WASFUG, IMPERSONATION. ON INSTANT DATE,

AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED HOUSTON CHARGING SUBJECT WITH IMPERSONATION.

BOND FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS RETURNABLE HOUSTON INSTANTER. WARRANT

RETURNED NON EST AND ALIAS WARRANT OBTAINED. REQUEST THAT THE ENFORCE-

MENT UNITS COVERING RESIDENCES OF ALL RELATIVES SET OUT IN

REPORT OF SA CARROL THORNTON NEVIN, HOUSTON, AUGUST NINETEEN LAST, BE
 NOTIFIED OF PERTINENT FACTS. EL PASO, SAN ANTONIO, AND MEMPHIS BEING
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

518 Railway Exchange Building
Denver, Colorado
October 21, 1943

Director, FBI
Attention: Identification Division

Re: O. B. THRONEBERRY, with aliases,
FUGITIVE
IMPERSONATION
Bureau File No. 47-29732

Dear Sir:

The above-captioned subject, together with his brother, RANDEL THRONEBERRY, escaped from the County Jail at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, on October 8, 1943. Both THRONEBERRYS were being held at the County Jail to face prosecution on a murder charge.

Sheriff ERNEST TODD at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, has advised that when he obtained a return on the fingerprints of RANDEL THRONEBERRY from the Bureau he was advised that no previous criminal record could be located for RANDEL THRONEBERRY. The fingerprints of RANDEL had originally been submitted by the Sheriff's Office at Rawlins, Wyoming, on or about August 10, 1943, at which time RANDEL THRONEBERRY was arrested with his brother, O. B. THRONEBERRY at Saratoga, Wyoming.

Sheriff TODD, in an interview with RANDEL THRONEBERRY, has obtained information to the effect that RANDEL was sentenced to five years at hard labor at Huntsville, Texas, in July, 1934, for armed robbery; two years and seven months of this sentence have been served. RANDEL THRONEBERRY had also been arrested somewhere in Missouri on December 29, 1939, and was returned to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he was sentenced to two years for selling a mortgaged automobile. He received a parole on that sentence in April of 1941.

In view of this information, it is requested that an additional search be made of the records of the Identification Division for the criminal record of RANDEL THRONEBERRY, and that a stop notice be placed against his record for the account of Sheriff ERNEST TODD of Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Should an additional record be located, it is requested that a copy of that record be forwarded to the Denver Field Division as well as to Sheriff TODD.



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Director, FBI - Atten: Ident. Division
Re: O. B. THRONEBERRY, was,
FUGITIVE - IMPERSONATION

October 21, 1943

For aid in searching for an additional record of RANDEL THRONE-
BERRY, his description is set out as follows:

Age:	26
Height:	5' 11"
Weight:	150
Race:	White
Eyes:	Blue
Hair:	Brown
Complexion:	Medium

Very truly yours,

G. A. Nicholson
G. A. NICHOLSON
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Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

518 Railway Exchange Building
Denver, Colorado
October 21, 1943

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Director, FBI

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~
Re: O. B. THRONEBERRY, with aliases
FUGITIVE
IMPERSONATION

Dear Sir:

Regarding the escape of the above-captioned subject and his brother, RANDELY THRONEBERRY, on October 8, 1943, from the County Jail at Steamboat Springs, Colorado, [] has advised that certain information developed that Under-Sheriff WILLIAM MacFARLAND, Steamboat Springs, assisted the THRONEBERRYS in their escape. [] pointed out that the THRONEBERRYS were armed with a small caliber automatic pistol [] on the day of their escape.

[] stated further that prior to their flight, the THRONEBERRYS had advised him that the automatic in their possession had been obtained from Under-Sheriff WILLIAM MacFARLAND for a price of \$100.00. [] advised that he wishes to keep this information extremely confidential, in view of the fact that at the present time he is unable to prove this allegation.

He also revealed that the THRONEBERRYS had questioned him regarding both WILLIAM MacFARLAND and the janitor of the jail, namely, PAT MORRISON. The THRONEBERRYS had presented a proposition to [] whereby the prisoners would be given an opportunity by [] to overpower either MacFARLAND or MORRISON and thereby make their escape from jail without placing any responsibility upon [] to date is unable to prove any of the allegations against either MacFARLAND or MORRISON.

This information is being brought to the attention of the Bureau and the office of origin, Houston, for information purposes as a guide for interview of the THRONEBERRYS in the event of their apprehension.

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Very truly yours, 47-19

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ATION NMVTA. COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST BOTH SUBJECT S FORT WORTH TEXAS
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Made at HOUSTON, TEXAS	Date 8/19/43	Period 6/29,30; 7/12-17,26-31;8/2, 3,6,7,9-14,16-19/43	Report made by CARROL THORNTON NEVIN
Title O. B. THRONEBERRY, was., Olin Bond, Otis Ball, - FUGITIVE; JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY: JOHN D. HENDERSON			Character IMPERSONATION

SYNOPSIS:

Subject O. B. THRONEBERRY on 6/9/43 near Pasadena, Texas, represented himself to be an OPA inspector in an effort to obtain additional gas ration books. Victim, a machinist, and his girl friend, parked on a side road, challenged subject's authority and in ensuing fight JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY snatched a wrist watch from the victim's girl friend. JOHN D. HENDERSON aided O. B. THRONEBERRY in the fight with victim. JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY and JOHN D. HENDERSON presently in custody Harris County SO, Houston, Texas, on four counts of robbery by assault, one count involving above incident. O. B. THRONEBERRY wanted at Abilene, Texas, on charge of bond jumping, at Fort Worth, Texas for robbery by assault, and by SO, Harris County, Houston, Texas, on four counts of robbery by assault. Prosecution declined by USA, Houston, on JAMES PAUL THRONEBERRY and JOHN D. HENDERSON. Authorized complaint filed at Houston, 7/31/43, charging O. B. THRONEBERRY with impersonation. Warrant returned non est and alias warrant received same date. Fugitive form letter submitted. O. B. THRONEBERRY

Forwarded *[Signature]* SAC

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